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The Strike Question.

BY EX-GOV. W. J. STONE.

Until industrial conditions are materially changed periodical controversies between labor and capital will continue. If employers and employees were disposed to do right there would be no occasion for conflicts between them, and very few would arise. But the truth is that unreasonable exactions are made by one or the other, and a wrong position, when once taken, is so obstinately adhered to that controversy seems inevitable. My observation is that whenever employers and employees meet, in a spirit of fairness and concession, differences between them are readily adjusted.

But as long as the two forces occupy an attitude of resistance or antagonism to each other, amicable adjustment will not be the rule. The effects of strikes and lockouts is always hurtful, not alone to those immediately concerned, but frequently to the public also. It is useless to discuss the bad effect of controversies of this nature, for they are too well known. The point of real interest is to determine how to prevent them in the first instance and how to settle them when they exist.

How to prevent them is something which must flow from the nature of the case be remitted largely to employers and employees themselves. It is a question in industrial economics which the thoughtful capitalist and wage man might solve if they could be induced to discuss them with each other. The bringing of the two elements together in pacific discussion ought to be a simple matter. Capitalists have conventions to discuss and develop matters relating to their industries and laborers hold conventions to discuss matters relating to their

interests as employees. But joint conventions of the two for the discussion of matters mutual to them are never held. And yet the immense value of such a getting together of capital and labor can be readily seen.

I think it would be wise for the large employers of labor in different lines of industry to occasionally hold state and national conventions in conjunction with the more thoughtful and representative men who work for them to discuss questions which concern the rights of both labor and capital and their relations to each other. Such a course would be educational and would tend to establish better feeling and greater confidence between the two. Among other things that might be discussed would be how to prevent strikes, and at such discussions some basis of agreement might be arrived at. While strikes or other labor controversies arise, and the public right and interest become involved, it seems to me that the easiest and most natural way to adjust differences and restore normal conditions is by arbitration.

In this country, however, arbitration could be had only by agreement between the parties, but arbitration by agreement has been sufficiently tested to prove its value. I believe arbitration ought to be made compulsory as far as it could be made so. There are constitutional objections and perhaps other objections in many instances against the law of compulsory arbitration, but it seems to me that a law of this character could be enacted applicable to corporations impressed with their public duty or those engaged in the public employment. If this be true, as I think it is, and a law of that kind should be enacted in the different states, it would solve the question in the direction from which

many of the most disastrous controversies arise, for it would relate to employment in which the public is more directly concerned, and, if the effect was found to be good in such cases, it would, no doubt, lead up to arbitration in all cases.

Compulsory arbitration has been tried with great success in New Zealand. When employer and employee differ on any question of work or wages there, neither side takes the law into its own hands. There is no lockout and no strike. Courts especially created for that purpose are appealed to and both sides express a willingness to abide by the decision of the tribunal before whom the case is tried. If the court's decision is that the demand of the workmen is a just one then the employer must concede the demand or shut down his business. If the court declares against the employee then all hands go ahead with the work, yielding to whatever ruling is made after a full hearing on both sides is had. Nothing could be more satisfactory, provided the decision is taken as final and the judgment regarded as conclusive by all concerned.

In this country a great many objections would immediately be raised were such a system of settling labor controversies talked of. It would probably be said that the funds of the capitalist would be used to bias the judgment of the arbitrators; that some of the arbitrators might have leanings in favor of the corporation and adverse to the men; that politics would enter into the matter and an impartial decision be rendered difficult, or at least that the decision would be open to suspicion, which is tantamount to saying that neither side would regard it as just.

Such criticisms, however, are unavoidable. But I see no reason why they are more applicable to conditions here than

elsewhere. In organized courts of arbitration both employers and employees would have representation. I see no reason to suppose that impartial courts of this nature could not be established. Every suggestion for remedying wrongs and solving perplexing national problems is open to criticism and objections, but the arbitration plan, incorporated as part of the law of the land and made compulsory on both employer and employee, is, in my judgment, the true solution and the one open to the least objection.

The recent strikes in St. Louis afford a valuable argument in favor of the establishment of such courts in this country. Instead of a central body before whom the grievances of the men and the arguments of the employers could be heard and acted upon, the attempt to patch up the troubles had to be made by going from one committee to another, and occasionally getting the entire body of men together, numbering over 4,000 and addressing them in a big hall. But for this cumbersome process of pacification the men and the masters might have been brought into pacific relations with little difficulty. The attorney for the companies, before whom I went with the conditions of the men, was determined not to agree to one point. It was not a matter of vital importance, but I had to go back to the committee, this committee had in turn to refer the matter to the men and meanwhile the time allowed for the expiration of the ultimatum of the attorney was nearing an end.

See what happened. It was Saturday when I had the interview with the attorney. The committee before whom it was necessary to bring the matter were scattered all over town. The next day was Sunday, when it was more difficult than ever to get them together. Then ensued a long period of argument on the question of holding out on this not particularly important point raised by the attorney and it was only after a long delay that I was able to secure a majority of the committeemen on the side of agreeing to the attorney's proposition. The rest agreed to be neutral, so that this point might have been regarded as settled. But it was by no means settled. The committeemen were not empowered to act for the men. All they could do was to hear the arguments and then advise the general meeting. The delay brought about this distressing state of affairs:

The attorney, considering that the time allowed for an agreement to be arrived at on the point on which he held out expired and reckoning Saturday as one day of the time, Sunday as another and Monday as the third, although the two first days were days when little could be done to get the matter before the representatives of the men, gave out to the press a notification that the employees had not acceded to the terms of the company and that therefore

negotiations had come to naught. In the very same paper in which this statement appeared there was printed the notification of the meeting to consider the report of the committee, so that the men read that a meeting had been called to discuss a question that the same paper said they had refused to consider further. Had there been some means of quickening the action of the employees on that occasion the whole matter would have been settled amicably there and then and much distress to both men and the public have been avoided.

What better illustration could be had than this of the value of a court of arbitration? The settlement of a strike that had inconvenienced the entire town and caused great distress hung on the question of one's ability to get the strikers together within a certain time. Had a court of arbitration been sitting the first consultation would have ended the controversy to the satisfaction of all concerned.—Kansas City Star.

AN EXPLANATION.

Editor Electrical Worker :

I would like space in the Worker to answer an attack from Local 15, by some one who does not sign his name. In the first place I wish to say that I do not think a letter ought to be published in the Worker without the writer's signature. In regard to the New York matter, I will say that as No. 15 is a lineman's local and No. 3 is insidemen, I fail to see where there is any excuse for friction, unless No. 3's men attempt to do line work in the jurisdiction of No. 15. No. 15, as a lineman's local, has no business to take insidemen into the local as long as there is an inside wiremen's local with jurisdiction over the inside work in the territory where said lineman's local is located. I was given to understand at the meeting of the E. B. that this was what caused the friction, that No. 15 was a lineman's local and had no inside men up to the time the settlement was made with No. 3, and that as soon as the agreement was made giving No. 3 jurisdiction over this territory a lot of refugees from No. 3 and other men who belonged nowhere, knowing they would have to make some move, made application to No. 15 and were admitted when they should not have been. They, as I was informed, expecting to escape in that way the high initiation fee of No. 3, and at the same time reap the benefit of the high wages obtained by that body. Now if my information was correct, as I have at present no reason to doubt, my action in the matter was also correct. I depended upon the Eastern members for my information, as they had the opportunity to learn the actual facts which I did not. As for me making the motion, that is a foolish thing to base an attack upon. If I had not made it, some one else would have done so. It will be noticed, perhaps, that the vote was

unanimous, and in the E. B. every man votes yes or no. A member cannot sit back on his haunches and not vote at all, as they do in lots of locals. The E. B. has to go on record just as they vote.

R. R. TRIPP,
Third Vice-President.

From Our Grand President.

To the Brotherhood:

More than two months ago an assessment of 25 cents per member was levied by the general office as per Sec. 5, Art. 5, of the Constitution. This assessment was made for the benefit of the organization. Local after local had gone out, seeking to better its condition, and the E. B. was asked to help them from the funds of the treasury. Realizing that you were in need of assistance, the E. B. never for one instant faltered, but responded to your call for help with all we had. We drained the treasury and kept it drained, that the members of the I. B. E. W. might have justice and that which is theirs by law and justice. We would be willing to do this over and over again if by so doing we could better the conditions of our brothers.

But while we are willing to do all and have done all within our power to build up a brotherhood that would not only be a help, but a credit, and something we should and could all feel proud of; and while we do believe you are proud of your organization, we are compelled to acknowledge that some of you are slow to give us that help and aid which is your allotted portion. Some of you have done nobly, others have not; some of you have come to the assistance of the E. B. just as you would like the E. B. come to your assistance in time of trouble, and we are gratified for it; others of you have not come to the assistance of the E. B. just as you would like to have the E. B. come to your assistance in time of trouble, and for this we cannot thank you as we would like. Do we ask anything unreasonable? Are we asking anything unconstitutional or unjust? Is there a man, a brother, in the Brotherhood who will stand up and say 25 cents for support of an organization of brothers is too much? Have we a brother who is able to earn a decent wage that cannot afford to give 25 cents to an organization that is trying to build up and improve his condition along with others? Surely no one knows of such a brother. There are no drones or shirks in the I. B. E. W. We all know that, and in knowing it, we are proud. Why then shall we hesitate and make a long-drawn-out matter of what should be a short business transaction? Come up like men, pay your 25 cents assessment, and let us get this matter done with. Remember your obligation, put aside all excuses and so-called apologies. Be men!

THOS. WHEELER.

To the Brotherhood:

When an injustice has been done a brother it should be the business of those doing the injustice to right the wrong, but this is not always done. An example of this is now before the general office. For many months the name of Patrick McGough appeared in the "Scab-list" of the Worker as having scabbed during the strike of Nos. 21 and 87. Whoever was the instigator of this wrong, I do not know. Local No. 21 has not shown under seal that this Bro. scabbed, and it is not believed that No. 21 wanted him listed as a scab. It seems to be a case of spite work by some individual and not by any L. U., but, be that as it may, after an investigation by the general office and myself I am convinced that Patrick McGough is not, never has been and never will be a scab. Believing this to be the facts in the case, it gives me pleasure to hereby exonerate this brother from the odious charge that has hung over him for many months and to say to the world that I believe Pat McGough to be an honest, upright, loyal union man and one who will never forget his obligation.

Fraternally,

THOS. WHEELER.

In Memoriam.

At a regular meeting of Local Union No. 87, I. B. E. W., held at 37 Market st., Newark, N. J., July 31st, 1900, the following resolutions were ordered drafted, published and a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, John J. O'Neil, Jr., who departed this life July 20, 1900:

Whereas, God, the Ruler and Judge of all men and of all the affairs of men, in His infinite wisdom, hath been pleased to take from earth our brother, John J. O'Neil, Jr., well beloved; and

Whereas, The members of the above named union, of which the deceased was an honorable member, did assist at the last sad rites of interment at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery the 23d day of July, 1900, of the body of the deceased:

Resolved, That this union does hereby extend to the family and relatives of our deceased brother the heartfelt sympathies of each and every member thereof in their great bereavement and irrecoverable loss.

Resolved, That the charter of this union be draped in mourning for the prescribed period.

JAMES KINNAVANE,

THOMAS DUNN,

JOHN BURKHARDT,

Committee.

At the regular meeting the following resolutions were adopted by Local No. 7, of Springfield, Mass.:

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from this life the wife of our worthy brother, David B. Ahgreen,

Resolved, That Local No. 7, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, through the organization extend its sincere sympathy to our brother in his loss; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be presented the brother, and that they be published in our official journal.

T. H. BOWEN,

ED. THURSTON,

Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union No. 21, of Philadelphia, Pa., of I. B. E. W., at their regular meeting, Friday, Aug. 31, 1900:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and wisdom, to take from our midst our worthy brother and fellow-workman, Edward Magee, and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character worthy of confidence, honor and justice; and in appreciation of the services which he has rendered this local as a brother, be it

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted family our sincere condolence and our earnest sympathy in the loss of such a loving husband and devoted father; and be it

Resolved, That the charter of this local be draped for a period of thirty days; also be it

Resolved, That a copy be sent to the Electrical Worker for publication, and that a copy become a part of the regular minutes of Local No. 21, of Philadelphia.

BRO. ALCOTT,

BRO. GINBLE,

BRO. MCFARLAND,

Committee.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1, 1900.

The following resolutions were read and adopted by Local Union No. 77, on the death of our worthy Bro., Geo. Shorey:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst our honored friend, fellow craftsman and brother, Geo. E. Shorey, who during his life time was fair and upright with his fellowmen, honest and faithful to his employers and zealous for the welfare and happiness of his brother members, therefore be it

Resolved, That we as an organization in brotherly love pay tribute to his memory by expressing our sorrow at his loss, and bow in submission to the will of an All-wise God; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days as a token of respect for our esteemed brother; be it further

Resolved, That we spread a copy of these resolutions on the minute book of our local, and a copy be sent to our official journal for publication.

S. H. METCALF, P. S.

Resolutions adopted by Local 15, of Hudson County, N. J., on the death of Bro. Peter McAvoy:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, through His earthly

messenger, inexorable death, to visit us and, under extremely sad circumstance, remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Peter McAvoy, and

Whereas, The intimate relations held during a long electrical and social career by our deceased brother with members of this local, make it our solemn duty to express our esteem for his manly worth, and our deep sorrow at the loss and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a brother from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply felt by all members of the local and his friends; that with deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives of our deceased brother, we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their highest good; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, our charter draped for the usual period as a testimonial of respect and esteem in which our late lamented brother was held by his fellow-members, and that a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family of our deceased brother.

E. ARRINGTON,

WM. MIERS,

Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 121, Denver, Col., Sept. 3, 1900.

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, through His earthly messenger, inexorable death, to visit us and remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Wm. Cantlon, and,

Whereas, The intimate relations held during an electrical and social career by our deceased brother with members of this union makes it our solemn duty to express our esteem for his manly worth and deep sorrow at the loss, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a brother from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply felt by all members of the union and his friends; that in deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives of our deceased brother we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their greatest good, and we bow in humble submission to God's will; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, our charter be draped for a period of thirty days as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which our late brother was held by his fellow members, that an engrossed copy be presented to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and a copy be forwarded to our official journal and daily papers for publication.

C. A. ARCHER,,

W. P. OLMSTEAD,

A. RAY,

Committee.



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" 27, " 142	Wheeling, W. Va.
" 29, " 35	Massillon, O.

At a meeting of the E. B. held in Chicago, the G. S. was instructed to write to a local asking them to order Bro. McGough's name from the "Scab List," and if they failed to do so or give some good reason why it should remain, that the G. S. be empowered to remove it. The letter was sent and no good reason was given why it should remain. Therefore, acting under above instructions from the E. B., Bro. McGough's name was taken from the list. To those who knew Bro. McGough, it

is useless to try and make them believe he ever scabbed a job. There was a mistake made and we take great pleasure in exonerating Bro. McGough.

We often receive letters of complaint from our floating brothers, who say they cannot get answers when they write to their local secretary. Bro. Secretary, this is wrong. Every letter from one of your members should be answered at once. Let them not feel "Out of sight, out of mind," but keep them in close touch with your local and you keep them in the labor movement. It is hard when brothers write and send dues to receive no answer. Mr. Secretary, just put yourself in his place; would you not kick? Kindly answer all letters.

THE PAN AMERICAN.

In a few weeks there will be lots of work for inside men, and as the job will be strictly union, Local 41 is doing all that lies in its power to keep the Brotherhood men in line and have suggested that all who wish employment send their names to the General Office, 733 Powers Building, Rochester, N. Y. Remember, this is a union job. No excuses will be taken. Nothing goes but a paid-up card.

Our afflicted brother, R. G. Wright, has written another book, the title of which is "An ex-Millionaire, or Living Over-Time," the price of which is 25 cents, and we hope each and every member of the I. B. E. W. will take one. Remember this brother's condition; he was once in the full vigor of manhood, like yourself, is now helpless, and turns to you, who are more fortunate, to help him out by buying the book. Bro. Wright is now located in Denton, Texas. Any orders sent to him will receive prompt attention.

THE 25-CENT ASSESSMENT.

At the last meeting of the E. B. it was decided to assess every member of the I. B. E. W. 25 cents. The appeal was sent out. With what result? Up to Sept. 1st there had been received the sum of \$488.45 out of 8,000 members. The constitutionality of this assessment can not be questioned, as Sec. 5 of Article V gives the E. B. the right to levy this assessment. We sincerely hope the locals which have failed to pay will do so at once. This Brotherhood has had its full share of strikes in the past year. The E. B. did more than its duty—overstepped the Constitution. Sec. 6 of Article XVII plainly says not more than one difficulty at the same time; but as brothers thought the time was ripe to get better conditions, and went out, the E. B. did not want to refuse them. We lost some of the strikes, that is, for the time being; but no strike was ever lost, is our belief, and it has been proven very often.

Therefore, no member should be discouraged and lie down. Let every man start out to regain lost ground, make up his mind that the Brotherhood must be kept intact. If there is anything wrong in the handling of the affairs of the organization it is your place, as a member, to right the wrongs. If any of the officers are not doing their duty it is your place as a member to make them. Remember, two years is a short time in the history of the Brotherhood, when others may be chosen to do the work if the present Board are, after being tried, found lacking. But remember, in order to accomplish the desired results, the 25 cents should be forthcoming; our treasury should be built up for another attack. That is what a labor organization is formed for. It must keep fighting until we put this Brotherhood where it rightly belongs: The electrical workers, more particularly the linemen, have the hardest fights of any organization, as they have many millions of dollars to fight. But in spite of the money, capital could not beat labor; it's labor that beats labor every time. When a body of men go out to better their condition, declare war against capital, because they are not receiving their just reward, how long would it take to win if the rats would keep away? Not a week. The companies would be forced to give in. But when they can get these incompetent rats to use as tools to break the strike they do so. Therefore it's labor that beats labor; not capital.

The money spent has been well spent. It has shown our opponents we have fight in us when attacked; but good resolutions and promises avail nothing. It's the money that counts. So, men, do your duty. Give the 25 cents. Give what you can honestly spare for the noble cause of labor. Be more determined that the I. B. E. W. shall live and be stronger than ever. Be determined to build up an organization that will live when you and I have passed over the great divide—an organization that will ever fight for the good of mankind. Remember the success of this organization does not depend on any set of officers, but upon each and every member. Let the concern of one be the concern of all. Remember, the 25 cents you pay is for the benefit of all. It may perhaps bring a ray of sunshine into the home of the widow and orphan, as the money goes into the general fund. We should not hesitate to pay it like men. Some have truthfully said there are many conflicting clauses in our Constitution. This we will admit, but we have failed, up to the present time, to discover a Constitution that is a perfect one. When you discover an error, jot it down, and when the time comes, instruct your delegate to the next convention to right it. This Brotherhood has been very lenient in regard to assessments in comparison with other organizations. Every

printer in the United States and Canada who belongs to the International is paying an assessment of 30 cents a month. The iron molders, a few weeks ago, levied an assessment of \$1.00 on each man; this meant \$4,000. There was no ifs nor ands; the assessment was paid. If their organization can get an amount paid every time, why should the electrical workers refuse? Now, in conclusion, let every man pay his quarter and let the good work go on.

THE \$300 voted to Local No. 3 of St. Louis, at our last convention, was allowed in per capita tax and initiations.

THE check sent in by Local 52 for \$89.40, July 25th, was protested, not because the local was at fault but through the dishonesty of a bank official. There is nothing the G. S. can do but deduct the amount from this month's receipts.

WITH its usual generosity, No. 38, of Cleveland, has donated \$10 to start a fund for the relief of any electrical workers who are sufferers as the result of the hurricane at Galveston, Texas. In making this donation, Local 38 suggests the advisability of other locals contributing to this fund, through the G. S., due acknowledgment of which will be made through the Worker. The money when received will be paid as per direction of local 124, of Galveston.

OUR CLOSING DATE.

Heretofore our date of closing, the 10th of the month, has been extended in order to publish the news of our late correspondents, some of whom put on special delivery stamps to hurry on their tardy epistles. The Worker this month is four pages larger than ever before and mainly because we have tried to accommodate all the late comers. In future, the closing date will be the 10th, and all copy failing to reach this office by that date cannot appear in the current issue.

THE COLOR LINE.

On July 24th, a charter was granted to linemen in Jacksonville, Fla. The application was sent in by an organizer of the A. F. of L. Nothing was said in the letter about the applicants being Negroes. Judge of our surprise to receive in a week after several protests from locals in the south. The matter of revoking the charter was referred to the E. B. and the general opinion of the members is that the charter be revoked and that the question be settled at our next convention. Acting under advice from the G. P., the charter was revoked.

THE MAN ON THE CURB.

Labor Day, 1900, is a thing of the past. From all sources come the same good reports that the parade this year was the

best ever held, but in no city, we dare say, was there a full representation of labor's strength; that is, out to a man. It is not a very pleasant thing while marching to cast one's eyes around and see many men who are constantly telling what good union men they are, standing on the curb looking on, instead of falling in line, where they belong. Perhaps at the first opportunity these selfsame fellows will find fault with everything that is done. No matter how well conducted a thing is, these curbstone fellows find fault, instead of putting their shoulders to the wheel and helping along.

THE BACKBITER.

One of the worst things men have to contend with in this life is the backbiter; or in other words, he who gives the double blow; he who comes up and pats you on the back and tells you what a good fellow you are, and then goes behind the soap-boxes in the corner saloon and tells everyone what a bad fellow you are. One of the things that Americans admire is a straightforward man; one who says no when he means no, yes when he means yes. Men of this calibre have the respect of everyone. No matter if they fail to agree at all times with him, they admire him just the same; but no one has any use for the double-dealer. If they would face their man a great many wrongs could be righted. No; they prefer to work under cover; prefer to pick out some other deluded fellow to "holler" for them. Of all things, the backbiter is the worst.

THE UNION BUSTER.

How often some member of an organization who fails to get a matter through, or get elected to some position, will declare he is done—it will be a long time before anyone sees him in the meeting room again; goes out mad; thinks the union will go to the wall; starts out to disrupt, and in many cases gets a few followers, but not many—not enough to do harm, for in all unions there are always enough conservative men to steer the ship that pirates are trying to sink, and the work goes merrily on. Mr. Calamity Howler, Mr. Disturber, there is no one man in the labor movement who can harm it, and no one man who can not be done without. Any local would be in a deplorable condition if the life or death of it depended on one man. So, Mr. Fault-Finder, if you think you can control a whole body of men, the sooner you get that notion out of your head the better off you will be.

Sometimes men will say, "I don't like the officers, and won't go up." Say, Mr. Gossiper, if the officers fail to do their duty, get rid of them. It's the easiest thing to prove a man at fault when he really is. Go to the meeting, face the man, prove your charges, then the officer

will be retired. But don't take an obligation to help your fellow-man, and in less than a year do all you can against him. Give him a show. Don't try to please everyone. You can't do it; but do the best you can. Work for the cause of labor like a man. Don't expect men to pat you on the back for doing your honest duty; no one deserves praise for doing his duty. Don't find fault unless you have good grounds. Never stand in quidsand; it's a poor foundation, and some fellow may give you a shove and send you out of sight. If you can prove the man is crooked that you have discussed behind his back, why, do it; but for heaven's sake, Calamity Howler, keep still until you can. If you are the only honest man you need not tell everybody; they will find it out all right. Just remember one thing, that in the business world it is not a question of honesty, but of business. A local conducted as it should be should bond the man who handles money. When this is done, then, Mr. Calamity Howler, you can howl, but the proof is against you. Don't talk just to hear yourself talk, but work for the local; take an interest; and soon you will be surprised at your former self and wonder what you have been kicking at.

CARD OF THANKS.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 23, 1900.

M. E. McElroy, Dear Sir:

Your letter with enclosed check is received. I sincerely thank the members of the union, one and all, for the very great kindness shown to us at the time of Percy's death. Everything was so kindly and beautifully done. It takes away so much of the bitterness of sorrow to know that we have so many friends and sympathizers. With sincere good wishes for the welfare and strength of the union for the future, I remain, very sincerely yours,

"Percy's mother,"

IRENE F. HAZEN.

A DISCORD.

A weary congressman who could "snore upon the flint," occupied a room adjoining a German musician's.

"You will have to give me another room, I guess," said the congressman to the hotel clerk.

"What's the matter? Aren't you comfortable where you are?"

"Well, not exactly. That German musician in the next room and I don't get along well. Last night he tooted away on his clarinet so that I thought I never would go to sleep. After I had caught a few winks I was awakened by a pounding at my door. 'What's the matter?' I asked. 'Of you please,' said the German, 'dot you vould schnore of der same key. You vas go from B flat to G, and it spoils der moosic.'"—Buffalo Enquirer.

OUR LOCALS.

Local Union No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

All linemen in St. Louis are back to their posts after making one of the grandest hits of any organization in the parade Labor Day, and am proud to say that the electrical workers are fast gaining their proper place in the ranks of the trades unions, so you can see that we are not infested with any more sleepy brothers. This was not only one of the largest labor parades held in St. Louis, but outclassed all ever witnessed in neatness, order and length, as it was five miles long and took two hours to pass a point. There were 42,000 in the parade. The linemen wore white suits and canes decorated with ribbons, which made them resemble cake-walkers and all artists at that.

Bro. Pat Loughlin, of L. U. No. 1, was marshal of the division and his aides were Bros. D. Albaugh, F. Lackman, Wm. Milton, F. Worthington and Amey Zachritz of L. U. No. 3. The showing that L. U. No. 3 made indicates better conditions for them in the near future, and if they continue as they have been I am sure before this time next year we will be receiving better pay and working eight hours a day for all companies instead of the two telephone companies.

We had a very serious case of trouble in St. Louis. Last week a high tension wire of some of the companies came in contact with a patrol wire and caused the death of two policemen who were calling up for duty, injuring eleven other policemen, one operator and one lineman.

I will also state the sad news of the death of Bro. John W. Kane, who died of heat prostration last week and was buried next to the grave of one of the officers electrocuted by the accident of the wires. We are very sorry that more time was not given to notify the brothers of No. 3 that Bro. Kane would be buried in St. Louis, so they could have attended the funeral, as it was understood he would be shipped to Springfield, Ill., to his home, which he will be in a few weeks. The change was made a few hours before interment. L. U. No. 3 will adopt resolutions which will appear in the next issue of the worker. Wishing you and all brothers success, I remain,

JOHN J. MANSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This being my first attempt to write to you, I will endeavor to do my best. We have no press secretary at present.

Well, to start with, first, there is no work here; second, there are a great number of us out of work who are willing to do it but cannot get it for this reason—the Cumberland Tel. & Tel. Co. have laid off all the gangs but two, and the foremen who were running these gangs are now climbing in gang No. 2. I suppose they feel a little sore in the lower quarters. Even some of the officials in the office were told to resign.

In regard to the Peoples Tel. Co., which was gobbled up by the Cumberland, is not doing much. When they get a wagon and driver in the morning, give the driver a screw-driver and send him out to take down boxes, you know that looks bad.

We had a big fire here the other night, but it was not quite large enough to give any of the boys work. The Fairbanks Scale building and Morris building, which is a nine story one, situated at corner of Lamp and Canal in the underground district.

Climbers might go to work here as ground hands and do the up-shoot too at \$1.50 to \$1.75, which would be rather hard on men who have been getting their \$2.50 per day.

The scripture says, in the midst of life we are death, which we know is true, and if things keep up as they are now it will nearly be death to some of us. Some get away from here and others can't and prospects for the work to start again look very bad, so I would not advise any linemen to come this way at present. If they are working stay if it does get a little cold. Will let all of the boys know if it starts up after awhile.

The painters here went out on a strike last Saturday for eight hours and \$2.50 per day. Hope they get it.

There has been a job digging out the pumping station at \$1 per hole, furnish your own tools, post-hole digger, shovel, long handle and a spade. Could not borrow them so could not take it. Holes 4 feet square and 6 ft. 3 in. deep, well worth \$1.00.

You must excuse any mistakes, and, as I am sleepy, will say good bye.

Yours fraternally
MASCOT.

Local Union No. 5.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I feel that it is the duty of every press secretary to write something for our journal, and as I well know that all who are interested in our cause like to know what is doing in other cities, I will not shirk my duty and let Pitts. go amiss. When we don't see anything in the Worker from a local, the first thought is that things must be progressing slowly or they would be heard from. Let us hear from one and all. I hear so many say that they fail to get

their Worker, which they are entitled to, it seems as though there is a very poor system somewhere which ought to be rectified.

We are about rid of all the scabs, but somehow the boys of No. 5 don't show the zeal they did before the strike. It is true they pay their dues and attend the meetings, but they come loaded for bear, always looking at the dark side of things, never thinking of the welfare of the local, and if a fellow throws a hot shot you allow him to see it take effect; but you should give him the hoarse laugh, thereby showing no one man can bring dissension to the whole local. There is one certain fact—that Local No. 5, I. B. E. W., will stand for all time, because there are some members in it who will stick to her even if these "withdrawers," "can't make me do anythings," or they that "can whip the man who said it," so to speak, don't care to see her thrive. If you have anything harsh to say, smother it. What we want is harmony; we need it, if we expect to have much hominy this winter. I will say that No. 5 has not as yet received all her strike benefits. That may have disheartened some of the boys, because we believe that had we had the full support of headquarters we would have gained what we were after. We think that as this is the first expense we have been to the Brotherhood, excepting two death benefits, during our career, and having always paid our per capita tax, so that we could be healed in case of any trouble, and then the report came that our grand treasury was low because of so many claims in ahead of us. We do not want to strip the grand treasury, but our strike benefits must be paid in full, which is no more than just. We pay into the local \$1 a month for dues, and should get some returns when they are due us. As far as I am concerned, I don't mind paying a dollar a month, because we can carry on business so much easier, and it makes it easier to pay sick benefits.

Our recording secretary having sent in his resignation we have elected Bro. Walter Shavers to fill the place. Our financial secretary, Chas. Camp, is much of an enumerator, having given most everybody cards good till the 31st of September. Don't kid him much about it; he can't stand it. He is head incandescent man at the Westinghouse Co.'s, and needs the money.

Well, Labor Day has come and gone, but not without leaving some good tidings for Nos. 5 and 14. I want to say that the banners of the two locals were carried side by side, the guy ropes connecting the two together in the center. On Friday night before Labor Day it looked as if there would be no demonstration from No. 5. We had made preparations for carriages, but somehow could not get them cheap enough for the boys, so they adopted as a uniform white duck pants and belts, white shirts, with collar and tie and straw hats.

The parade got started about 11:30 a. m., and when we were all lined up right we looked good in our own estimation. We passed through Smithfield street and made the turn. Going down Fifth avenue we began to realize that the public were well pleased with the appearance of an electrician by the applause they gave us. As we passed the Press office a snap shot was taken of the first twenty. All of the boys were keeping step and took well. This is the first demonstration we ever made. Nobody knew what an electrical worker looked like. All along the road we heard very pleasing remarks as to our appearance. Some would say, "Look at the Atlantic City chappies;" and from the different academies we passed we got the report that the professors say we were the main feature of the parade; that we brought the workingman before the public in a different light, which they had never seen before; that we had laid down our tools and taken a new role, for it was Labor Day. Bro. Rudolph carried our banner and Bro. Van Amberg carried No. 14's banner. Bro. Willsden carried the flag. We had our mascot along in kakhi, with our colors flying; on our canes we had incandescent lamps. This is the first labor demonstration we have had here for years; there were 10,000 men in line, and from all reports the electrical workers made the greatest hit of them all. Most all of the boys turned out.

With best wishes to all brothers I remain,
Yours fraternally,

R. L. BRUCE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The weather here is very hot and I am taking my vacation, and for that reason I will make my letter very short. Since my last letter one of our brothers met with a serious accident. He was working on a 20 foot ladder, tying a wire on a bracket. The wire slipped off the insulator, that was held by ground men, throwing him heavily to the ground, breaking his right arm in two places and his left leg in two places. He was taken to the mercy hospital where he was well cared for. He is at his sister's home now on Fort Pleasant Ave., where he has everything wished for from Mrs. James Forsyth. The press secretary called on him this week and feels sure he is laid up for several months. One of our ex-members, W. A. Dennett, has invented a most important thing to firemen and electrical workers. On the aerial ladder he has invented an instrument to carry the current to the ground, so that no man can receive a shock. No matter how dangerous the wire may be it will carry the current to the ground with safety. There will be a state convention held in North

Adams next week, where he will exhibit his apparatus in all its glory.

Business in inside wiring is getting dull, but outside work is on the rush. The law passed in this city that all wires overhead be put underground and our streets are being dug up by the Tel. and Tel. Co. The electric light company is now putting in between eighty and ninety thousand feet of tile, of the very best material, under the supervision of Supt. Forsythe and Dennett. They are to put three miles of wire under ground each year until done. They will put the wires between the arch and Bridge street. We have already the incandescent circuit under ground for the last fifteen years. They were placed in wooden boxes and we are replacing them with the latest tile. Mr. Harry Anderson, general manager of the company, has spared neither money nor pains to make this one of the best in the country. Will tell more about stationary work in my next.

About our three different stations, how they are run, and what an advantage they are. I give the contract between this city and the electric light company as follows:

An interesting contract for street arc lighting is that entered into between the city of Springfield, Mass., and the United Electric Light Co. The agreement is for five years, from May 1, 1899, and provides for the operation of 700 or more 350 watt, 1200 candle power arc lamps, and burn all night and every night, for \$75 a year a light. The company furnishes all circuits and wire-supporting poles, but the city supplies all lamp posts and mast arms. It is stipulated that 350 watts of electrical energy shall be expended at each lamp. To check the service eight recording ammeters—one for each lighting circuit—are installed on a board in the station, to which no one but members of the aldermanic committee on lighting streets or their employes have access. The dials from these instruments are collected and filed in the city hall each day. Thus there is an undisputed record of each night's work open for public inspection at all times. Numerous voltmeter tests of individual lights are also made. There were 743 five ampere series, inclosed arc lights on the system on December 10 last, and electricity is relied upon wholly in lighting the streets. The committee speaks of the service as "excellent," the streets are well lighted at a moderate price, and the company has a steady source of income, giving a fair return on the investment. It is noteworthy that this equitable and satisfactory arrangement was entered into after the city had investigated municipal ownership with care and found it to be inadvisable. It would be well if in all cities the sellers and buyers of street-lighting current would follow the enlightened example of Springfield.

The contractors and the inside wiremen are having several meetings to draw up new agreement in regard to wages and hours, which is supposed to go into effect by the fifteenth of next month. Will tell about the agreement in my next.

Stand by the unions. Be fair to employers, but firm for justice. The union

is what the laboring men make it. If they join it just for the increase in wages and less hours and then stay at home and let some one else do the work it will not stand. Get out and hustle, talk to your friends on the subject, get them interested, never let an opportunity to talk union pass, and talk to some purpose. There is a principle at stake, fairness to the employer, and employee should be considered. Never adopt a scale that the employer cannot accede to if he is so minded—live and let live should be our motto—but after a scale is adopted stick to it, never say die. The laboring man's wife and daughter can help to strengthen the union, as much as he can, and it is their interest to do so, by refusing to patronize those firms opposed to union labor, never buy anything that has not the union label attached. See that your shoes have the union label, your hats, your clothes, the tobacco you use, the barber who shaves you, the clerk that waits on you in the store, in fact everything. Be careful to employ only union men. See that you at least do not patronize non-union employers and note your influence. Always use it for good. If you want to succeed be honest to yourself and employer, always give the best work and do not kill time, but do the very best you can. Do not think of your own bread and butter alone, but your neighbor as well. By standing by each other, success is sure. "United we stand, divided we fall" will apply to unions in general.

Well, about our labor parade, it was all O. K. This city had the biggest parade we every had. No. 7 turned out almost in full number. We had 95 men in line, every branch represented and all the line-men were in line except the Pittsfield, Mass., gang and we are sorry they were not there, after saying they would take part. Our president was marshal and Joe Sanford was his assistant. It was a caution how Joe made us keep in step and line up, it was a great day for the electrical workers. After the parade the boys had a clambake and a fine time. The press secretary had to go out of town after parade, so I can't give much about it in this letter but will later on. The parade committee thanks all the members for the success it achieved in this matter. Hoping this letter will reach you in time, I remain

Yours truly,

T. H. B.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 8.

Toledo, O., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since my last letter, our grand president, Tom Wheeler, made us a flying visit, arriving at 7:30 p. m., and leaving next morning at 9:30, so we did not see much of him. No. 8's president, treasurer

and press secretary were appointed a committee to meet Bro. Wheeler on his arrival. The P. S., through being a little late at the place of meeting, failed to connect with the other two members of the committee so he strutted up to the gang-plank of the boat as it was thrown out and the first man he approached was Bro. Wheeler. After making myself known to Bro. Wheeler, we turned to go away from the dock and met the other two members of the committee. After the P. S. had introduced them, No. 8's president, F. S. Lucas, took charge of Bro. Wheeler and piloted him to a hash house to replenish. I think the P. S. was a little jealous at this procedure as, after having found the man, he no doubt anticipated the pleasure of his company until they reached the hall, for we had called a special meeting for that evening. If we could have the attendance at our regular meetings that we had then I predict that it would not be long before we would be one of the banner locals of I. B. E. W. There were only three members absent and one was out of town and another has a night job and could not get off. The way the boys toggled up for that occasion was a caution. None of them were too tired to change their clothes that evening and even Bro. Bill had on an elegant new black suit. I think he must have had it made for the occasion. Bro. Wheeler has promised to come back and spend some time with us about the first of October, and we trust from that time to push No. 8 steadily to the front.

Labor Day has come and gone, and so far as interest and enthusiasm are concerned it was a great success, but have not learned how the central bodies came out financially. The parade was the largest the city ever saw, extending over three miles. The sports at Presquile park and fair grounds proved to be very interesting to the crowds, and a member of No. 8 succeeded in landing two prizes at the park, namely in the sack and three legged races.

As one of the fair sex is waiting for your humble servant, I will have to close.

Yours fraternally,

H. J. BAKER,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 9.

Chicago, Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Amid the excitement of our picnic, which took place on August 12th last, I overlooked our letter for August, but will say that it in no way marred the success of the event, which was a grand one, financially as well as otherwise.

The day was a perfect one and everyone enjoyed themselves. All the brothers came early and had their wives, sweetheart or sister with them, but Bro. Mike

Neylorn, and I don't know whose sister he had. She was there though. It was an enjoyable event. Bro. Phil Bender got 3rd prize in the fat man's race, there being only three contestants. Don't get it noised around; he don't want the people to know how it happened. Bros. Joe Driscoll, Pete Boyle and Dan Boyle, as judges of contests, were there with the goods and their decisions were satisfactory all around.

The contests were won as follows:

Pole-climbing contest, 52-ft climb—First, Bros. John Gates, Robert Kelly, tied, 20 seconds; sec., A. B. Goldberg, 20½ sec.; third, R. Shaver, 21¼ sec.; fourth, H. M. Rowlett, 22 sec.

Rope throwing contest, over 50-ft. wire—First, R. Shaver; second, Doc. Keatby; third, A. J. Sheridan.

Running broad jump—First, P. E. Cullinan, 15 ft. 2 in.; second, E. A. Howell, 13 ft. 4 in.; third, John Gates, 13 ft. 3 in.

Standing broad jump—First, P. E. Cullinan, 9 ft. 6½ in.; second, Geo. W. Rau, 9 ft. 2 in.; third, Charles Green, 8 ft. 8½ in.

Putting shot—First, Charles Green, 18 ft. 11 in.; second, John Anglin, 18 ft. 7 in.

Linemen's race—First, A. E. Jackson; second, P. E. Cullinan; third, A. B. Goldberg.

Union Linemen's race—First, A. E. Jackson; second, G. A. Kelly; third, A. B. Goldberg.

Hammer-throwing contest—First, Dan Boyle; second, Pete Boyle; third, A. B. Chisholm.

The strike on the Union Traction Co. line was called off and the men returned to work at the old scale of wages, \$2.50 per day of 10 hours and time and one-half for over time and the understanding that the company would get rid of the scabs as soon as possible. About 20 liners employed by a South Chicago street railway line that is being changed from storage battery power to over-head trolley system, went out for \$2.75 and 8 hours about two weeks ago and settled Sept. 4th for \$2.75 and 9 hours, thanks to the energetic work of the strike committee.

Am very sorry to state that Bro. Tony McGlone, while at work for the Commonwealth Electric Co., on Friday, Aug. 17th, fell from a pole and was seriously injured but is getting along nicely now.

Bro. James Kerns was thrown from a pole the same day and seriously injured, caused by street car running into temporary guy wire.

Bro. Dickinson has been sick, but Labor Day found him in line carrying our colors. No. 9 was one of the features of the Labor Day parade, which took 4 hours and 20

minutes to pass a given point. Brothers, if you chance to meet John Lennon with a (card) due card out of No. 9, don't let him get in on you as he got in on several people here. He left here between two days, stole his clothes out of the boarding house like a thief and left with plenty of money in his pocket to pay his debts. Look out for him. You will find list of scabs that worked on Union Traction line enclosed.

Yours fraternally,

WM. HICKS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 11.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is so long a time since Local No. 11 has been heard from that I hardly know how to begin. We have been unfortunate in the selection of press secretaries. Our preceding one stopped writing for some reason unknown to the local and the present one has been unable to write a letter on account of duties occupying the greater part of his time. Will try and make amends for it in the future.

Local No. 11 is getting along nicely. Have two candidates to be initiated at our next meeting with the prospects of more coming in the near future.

At a recent meeting of the local a committee was appointed to wait on the contractors for inside wiring in this city and request them to reduce the hours of labor from ten to nine hours per day, beginning November 1st. The committee expects that all the contractors except one will agree to it; that one is apparently an opponent of organized labor and some way will have to be devised to bring him into line. The majority of our members are of the conservative kind and believe in going slow to avoid making mistakes.

Bro. Sherman, I wish we had a Bro. Tripp in every local, for he is well posted on economic questions and if the members of this and other organizations would devote a small part of their time to studying questions pertaining to the welfare of mankind the usefulness of labor organizations would then be accomplished. It gave me great pleasure to read the splendid letter from the pen of our grand president, T. H. Wheeler. Give us more of the same kind, Bro. Wheeler, and kindly tell the blind which is the right road to take in your last letter. You told us of two roads that a workingman ought not to take. Now, Bro. Wheeler, name the right one when you next write.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN BYRNES.

Local Union No. 13.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As P. S. Burke has emigrated to Mexico, No. 13 has again chosen me to send in a few lines, and as I am always kicking about the laziness of P. S.'s I guess I had better get to work.

We have just finished celebrating our national Labor Day, and a grand success it was, and I hope every city had as good. Our parade was about two miles long, consisting of all trades. The speaker of the day was selected from the carpenters, and he acquitted himself with great honor. The grand marshal was your humble servant, and as soon as they saw me mount the prancing horse some of them wanted to have me arrested for being an old cattle rustler, but after they saw the way I kept them herded together they thought it best to let it drop for fear I had my gun with me. Everything passed off without a ruffle excepting one or two little difficulties. One of the brothers went out looking for trouble, and from the looks of his eyes the next morning he must have found it. I was very sorry it was another brother who had to accommodate him, but think it will be a good lesson for others to follow.

Everything is pretty quiet at present, but all the brothers are working.

Bro. Burke accepted a position in Mexico as foreman for the Postal Tel. Co. We hated very much to lose him, for he was one of our most faithful workers, besides being a first-class fellow.

We have nothing special to complain of except one little case that has been going on for some time, and that is of Frank Cull. He claims to be a member of No. 3, St. Louis, and is doing contract work for F. Newbury, of St. L. They refuse to pay more than \$2.50 per day. We have succeeded in keeping any of our men from working for him, so he has had to do the work with ground men. When we tried to get him to telegraph that he could not get men for less than \$3, he said he did not want any linemen now. I would like to know what kind of a union man you would call that. He has one man whom he brought from St. Louis with him, and who put in an application and paid his initiation fee. When he found we expected him to quit Cull he never showed up for initiation. We offered to put him to work at \$3 per day, steady work, but he claimed they were to pay R. R. fare back to St. L. and he did not want to lose that, and since he has shown his hand we are very glad he did not show up, for we don't care to associate with such varments. His name is Coyle and he is an old member of No. 1.

Our little, old, unlucky No. 13 is moving right along. We are not taking in many new members for the reason we have no rough material to work on. One or two

have made their threats that they were going to break up 13, but about all they succeeded in doing was to get their faces broke; and if there are any more who want to try it we are keeping in trim by taking boxing lessons every evening.

Well, for fear this will share the fate of most country poets' warblings, I will try and jerk myself loose.

Yours fraternally,

E. P. McBROOM,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

To say that L. U. 14 is growing very rapidly (although ex-Bro. H. T. Sullivan did all in his power to put things on the hummer in general) is placing it rather mild. We wish him anything but success, and would be pleased to hear what the brothers of No. 9 have done to him. For information regarding the—(well, shall not say it), 14 can furnish all kinds.

Another jolly good all-around grafter is Dave Prescott. He was not satisfied with having had great success in hanging several brothers here on the hook, but tried to put the "Floaters' Home," Hamilton House, on the bum. He is only debtor to Jas. Hamilton \$45 for board and, as I understand it, he worked steadily for over six months. When we have a good boarding house, with such a fine bar in connection, where a man with a card can stay a reasonable length of time, it ought to be taken care of and not be put on the bum—that's all some people think of, is to put someone on the hummer. Now, Dave, 14 would like to hear from you, so would Mr. Hamilton, I am sure. Square yourself, Dave, and be a man with principle.

Several members left Pittsburgh thinking they were O. K. on 14's books, but when the matter was attended to in a business way we found several cases that were far from being right. For instance, Bro. Stone came here last spring with a paid-up card; same was returned to L. U. 17 three months out of date. He had paid his dues here, but 17 did not know that and consequently held him up. Other similar cases have happened, such as Sullivan carrying Dan O'Neill's card around the country for two months. Bro. Stone, kindly accept L. U. 14's apology and we also assure you of better success with traveling cards should you blow this way again.

After election of officers the following members were installed:

Pres.—Jas. Burgess.

Vice-Pres.—Fred Likes.

Rec. Sec.—J. M. Morris.

Fin. Sec.—D. D. McKay.

Treas.—D. W. Van Amburg.

Foreman—U. G. Scott.

Press Sec.—D. D. McKay.

Inspectors—S. B. Cunred, Thos. Stein.

Trustees—J. Bennett, H. Haywood, J. Burkhardt.

Our charter is open and the applications are coming in from every direction. There is no doubt but that 14 will be one of "the locals" in a short time.

Labor Day has come and passed again. We had a good turnout, taking everything into consideration. Brothers, when you come this way don't forget 14. We meet every Sunday at 2 p. m., at Avery Hall, 4th ave. and Liberty st.

Fraternally,

D. D. MCKAY,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 15.

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 20, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have to make the sad announcement of the death of one of our esteemed brothers, Peter McAvoy, who was electrocuted on top of a sixty foot pole in the suburbs of Jersey with the thermometer registering 92 degrees. At our meeting of the 20th there was a vote taken to bow our heads in five minutes silence and also to drape our charter for the usual period and a committee was appointed to draw a set of resolutions. In the loss of our worthy brother we have lost one who was a good, true and devout union brother, and one of the first to give his mite to the good cause and I would like the brothers of Local 15, when they read this article, to always remember Bro. McAvoy and his principles and try to live up to them as close as they can, then we would have a local that could not be surpassed and one that we could be proud of.

DEDICATED TO PETER M'AVOY.

There is no death! the leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away,
They only waft through wintry hours,
The coming of the May.

There is no death! an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate;
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.

August 31, 1900.

On the 22nd of this month Local 15 held its first picnic and electrical display, afternoon and evening. The grand march was led by Pres. W. A. Gross, V. P. Sarensen, floor manager, C. Mills and assistant floor

manager, J. Crilly. There were three hundred couples in the march and the whole affair was a grand success. In the afternoon, one could not help imagining that it was a large family affair.

The first event on the afternoon program was a base ball game between nines from Local 20 of New York, and Local 15. Result 9 to 3, in favor of Local 20. There was only one thing to mar the game—that was the buttons on Bro. Hallum's pants—they interfered with his running bases.

The second event was a pole-climbing contest on a 45-foot pole, contested by Bro. P. Sarenson, time 22 2-5 sec.; Bro. J. Crilly, 19 sec.; Bro. Bassett, No. 20, 14 sec.

Third event, hand-line throwing over 45-foot wire between Bros. Payene, Baldwin, Hallum, of No. 20, and Bros. M. Downes, G. Hutton, D. Livingston, T. Riley and P. Sarenson, of No. 15. Won by T. Riley, twelve paces over line.

The fourth event was an exhibition by Bro. M. Downes with his trained sapajow, which caused a good deal of merriment among the spectators.

We extend a vote of thanks to the Jersey City Electric Light Co., for its kindness in contributing the power, etc.

Yours fraternally,
E. A.
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has gotten around for another letter, I thought I would let you know that we are all alive. We are still trying to do the best we can. We have very good attendances at our meetings and things are about the same excepting that the Telephone Co. is laying off a good many men in the maintenance and construction departments, and I would not advise any of the brothers to come this way, as things are very quiet at present. The Edison Illuminating Co. is laying off some of its men. There seems to be lots of work here, but they do not seem to want to get at it.

Our membership is increasing all along. We have the majority of them now and I am glad to see the members take such an interest in the organization, for which they deserve credit. I hope the new brothers who have come in will work for the interest of the union as well. We had to call an extra meeting last Sunday to initiate some of the brothers out of the city. We are taking in about three every meeting. There are a few on the outside who would like to come in. It makes them feel mean to see so many turn out on Labor Day and them standing aside and looking on. It must make a fellow feel like an outcast.

Well, Labor Day is over for one more year. We had a very fine turn-out; as fine as could be expected as it was threatening

to rain all the morning. It did rain up to within half an hour before the parade and some of the boys on trouble could not get away and that made our ranks a little smaller than they would have been. I was very sorry not to see our sister-union, No. 133, turn out as our line would have been twice as large. I see by the papers that all of the surrounding cities of any size turned out remarkably well.

I hear that Bro. Joseph Dooley has resigned his position as business agent for No. 39. He was formerly a member of 17. Well, here is wishing you best success, Bro. Dooley.

Yours,
EDWARD HINDSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Your correspondent, the P. S. for L. U. No. 18, is bound to confess, Mr. Editor, that he has found it always a difficult matter to even attempt to write, on behalf of this local, for publication in the Worker. The reasons are many. To his own mind they are quite of sufficient gravity and worth to have heretofore deterred him from making any attempts at writing for public print. However that may be, some of the brothers of No. 18 have expressed themselves as displeased with the continued silence of the P. S.'s office—forgetting that in general "silence is golden"—and he therefore respectfully submits this for publication.

First as to union matters locally. This union, in some respects, is in good condition. On August 2nd the outside men, L. U. No. 2, consolidated with No. 18 on their own original motion, creating a status similar to that which existed some years since. It being an open meeting, a most pleasant time was had, and in addition to the electric decorations which were very pretty, was graced by a numerous attendance of the wives and daughters of the two locals. Refreshments, speeches, music, etc., were indulged in, and all who attended the function left the hall well pleased.

An unfortunate complication with one of the contracting construction houses six weeks since leading to a walk-out there and a subsequent boycott, later led to a revised agreement being presented to all the houses. What are the conditions of the settlement your correspondent has no information upon which to base a statement at this writing. It was unofficially reported at the last regular meeting, Aug. 29th, that all our men were at work; but it was as unofficially reported that the conditions of the settlement are somewhat ambiguous. It cannot be said at this writing that the atmosphere is quite cleared of clouds, although some have

rolled past it may be only to return with a change in the direction of the wind.

In Kansas City we are to have a Labor Day picnic in place of the usual parade. Personally your correspondent believes this to be a move in the right direction. Although it is well known by all that capital never attempts to display its strength by conspicuous parades and hallelujahings, nevertheless the average laboring man loves to "show off." It might be much better for unionism if they tried to keep their strength a secret, and so be able to work secretly when occasion prompts. Then, too, the cost of parade is enormous and all out of proportion to the financial status of the unions concerned, taking for authority the statement in the public prints of Sept. 2nd, to the effect that in Kansas City "last year's parade cost \$10,000." A magnificent donation that sum would have been to our local labor temple fund. Why is it, brothers, that laboring men willingly and readily donate for such a useless, evanescent affair as a parade, and grumble if asked to give ten cents for a fund to build a temple. Consider well that question, for the reason of it strikes at the roots and foundations of our organizations.

And now, Mr. Editor, perhaps you are wondering what are some of the reasons why it has been so hard for your correspondent to write for publication in the official organ. As stated above they are many. First, some of your correspondent's brothers denominate him a "kicker" because he does not hesitate to express his opinion in the forum of the union on any current or contemplated action by the union; second, because he has criticized in severe terms and on divers occasions the business methods of the union; third, because he has dared to rise in opposition to those radicals in our order, who when opposed thus, immediately call their opponent names, and often pnt on their coats and leave the hall in a huff; and these are generally of that number who talk loudly and stenuously of the rights of the majority—when the majority is with them, notice; fourth, because he has strenuously objected to the employment of special meetings in time of trouble, which are illegally called, and often for the use and ends of cliques; fifth, because, he is sorry to write, he refuses to acknowledge the supremacy of any one man, as such in the local, or the right of such a one to that supremacy or the good sense of the union in tacitly enduring such a condition.

Quite an array you will observe. Yet your correspondent honestly feels he can read his title clear in this arraignment, for he has been steadfast for equal justice to all; discountenanced hasty and little considered action in serious matters; labored for a more dignified behavior by the members in meetings; has striven to

secure a considerate recognition of the rights of employers in times of trouble; has buttonholed no man for his own ends nor hobnobbed with any class for their support; has not sought office; has never attempted to influence opinions or actions except on the floor of the union, and then only by free speech in open debate; has steadfastly refused to consider those erring ones who have worked during strikes as—quoting P. S. of L. U. No. 17, July Worker—"things in the shapes of men called scabs," or as "the lowest type of humanity," or that they "are men usually pulled out of the slums of whisky and seven up in times of trouble," or that "scab is a cur," and lastly has refused to acknowledge that a union man must be forever complaisant, pliable, toadyish and cringing to any one or one class in his organization.

Why, you may ask, should the reasons as stated constitute a sufficient bar to his writing for the Worker. Because it is impossible for him to place before readers of the Worker the ideas dominating his L. U. and he believes that labor unions as at present organized are antiquated and top heavy, and unreasoning and intolerant of adverse criticism; and because he could not hope to write without recording to some extent his own views, and he has no desire to pose as a reformer or to start such a ball rolling as would result. Further, because he believes that until the laboring man ceases to have that complaisant, self-satisfied, king-like regard for his L. U. as exists very generally at present, they can not hope to look at criticisms, however honestly offered with any great degree of reason, study and consideration.

In support of some of his contentions, the writer encloses a clipping from the Kansas City Star of Sept. 2nd, (this date) which he would like to see published in the Worker. As ex-Gov. Stone was attorney for the unions interested in the late street railway strike in St. Louis, organized labor should give his views, deduced and refined by experience right on the ground, as wide dissemination as possible.

Fraternally,

Jr. P.,
R. S. and P. S.

Local Union No. 20.

Greater New York, Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 20 has its charter draped at present for the death of two of its esteemed brothers, John Clore and E. Hogan. Clore met his fate while working on electric light wires in Passaic, N. J., and received a shock causing almost instant death. Hogan met his fate in a similar manner in Brooklyn. Both brothers are well known throughout the country and it is needless to say that all who know them mourn their loss. The sympathy of Local

20 is extended to their bereaved parents, brothers and sisters, and a set of resolutions will be forwarded as a token of our esteem towards our departed brothers.

Labor Day was a great day for outings. Among the many societies that enjoyed the holiday, I can safely say that the members of Local 20 ranked second to none, as ones who enjoyed it to their utmost satisfaction. Some went to Jersey City and enjoyed a picnic of the brothers there. Some went to the Caledonian picnic and games held in Long Island; while some others were ordered to work. Nine of those who went to Jersey played a game of ball with a team from No. 15. Five innings of the fastest kind of ball was played, and the score stood 9 to 3 in favor of 20. G. Bassett won the climbing contest, another victory for 20. Local 15's P. S. will give full particulars.

Those who went to L. I. and watched the Caledonian athletes, heard the sounds of the Scottish bagpipes, witnessed the sword dance and Highland-fling competition and danced in the pavilion until 11 o'clock must certainly have been among the number who were enjoying themselves that day.

About those who went to Coney Island, I can only say they came back minus a few dollars, the most of which went towards the support of the fakirs of that city. The others, who had the misfortune of being called to work by the N. Y. Tel. Co., to change a small portion of the West street line in the city and, thinking they were to get time and a half that day, went to work good naturedly. Their asst. foreman, Fitzsimmons, asked the asst. supt. if the men were going to get time and a half, and when they got no encouragement, Fitz and all the men went home about 10 o'clock and enjoyed the day with the other sports. What we appreciate most about the affair, is the gentlemanly conduct of their foreman, and such a loyal act should be an eye-opener to other foremen who are backward in looking after the interests of their fellow-workmen.

Friends of Bro. Hugh J. Chisholm will be pleased to hear that he is recuperating nicely the last two weeks. Hugh will not forget his experience in Port Chester during the first two weeks of his sickness. Bro. Johnston is improving slowly. A few days ago Ery Schloss opened a cable box at Vanderbilt avenue and Park Pl. The bees that swarmed there mistook him for a big sun-flower and immediately rested upon the blooming blossom. Finding themselves disappointed in the quality of the honey, they gave vent to their anger by injecting hundreds of poisonous stings into Ery's face. He got down the pole, however, and left a cop and the residents of that locality to battle the angry bees.

We initiated several members last month.

On one occasion eleven joined our ranks, and a few most every meeting night. Much business is carried on and considerable opposition makes stormy sailing at times. However, we shall safely sail on our voyage while our ship is guided by our calm and impassionate leader.

I would like to ask you, Mr. Editor, if you approve of having a "Personal Column" in your journal. I know that brothers changing their addresses, some going on vacation tours, others getting married, etc., would like to have their names in the "Personal Column," whereas it would take up much space in a letter. Please state in your editorial if you will favor it.

Yours very truly,

MAC,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

There has been no letter in the Worker for two months on account of the P. S. neglecting his duty, liking the fluid that makes them feel they don't care for anything only go to the wreck. Don't look to the other half of his constituency as there ought to be something in every Worker to enlighten members all over the city or country. Well, brothers at large, I guess you would like to know how the Phila. strike came out. If you refer to the rear end of the Worker, to the "Scab List," a good study of human nature will tell you how we came out. I will try and explain to you all. First, I must say above all things that we had the best leader or president for that occasion that could be produced; he is a man who learned his unionism in the country where they extract the black diamonds from the earth in Penns. You all know the coal mines are the greatest, for years the best men to go on strikes and good fighters to the finish. Our president is good natured and earned the good will of all out on strike, in the neighborhood of 250 men, and of the 250 men we could not have got a better man to handle the occasion, or one who could manage it more carefully, and he was not a striker himself. He resigned a job paying him \$3.00 per day in order to fill his place as president and he is a cracker-jack and all are pleased to meet him. His name is William McFadden, but he is better known to me as O. F. in the lodge room.

Well, brothers, our strike was started on the 14th of May, 1900, and we started our fight in great shape, but they came out too clean to be good; only about ten men stayed in of about twelve companies, and that continued for about eight or ten days. Then the scabs would crawl back and say for an excuse he was not going to lose his good clothes. Another cur wanted \$30.00

from the union to see him through, and only out two weeks. Mostly all the agitators for the strike, as the old story goes in labor organizations, were the first to go back to work. Another big stiff (you will see in the scab list), said he had a crust of bread and a stall to stable in for those who did not have a place to go and he was one of the first to go back to work. His name is Michael Gillick, scabbing at the Powelton Light Co.

But the strike moved on. We received from the I. B. E. W. \$1,300.00 for our fight. Lots of men having families, some six children, went out of town and are there yet. The curs would sneak back one at a time and when they did this they would prolong the strike. We were out for three months and saw it was impossible to win. We had to declare it off in order to hold the union together. We have a good one. Some of the brothers are out of town but send in their money.

The receipts of last meeting was \$18.80. The strike has bettered us a great deal. Two of the companies in Trenton are paying the scale of wages; they are good people. The unions there are all to the good, good stickers.

Two companies in Atlantic City, N. J., are paying the wages; one signed the scale but the other is paying it to a lot of curs that we went out for. They are getting the cream but we will get it later, as it comes to those that wait. One company in Camden, N. J., is paying the wages and the curs are in there yet, but we will give them the dog's life when we meet them. We do it to them every day. They say "I never did anything to him, I wonder why he don't speak." So brothers, you can see how they are here. They don't know what unionism is, but they are learning it now, by the union men giving them the glassy eye and marble hearts. It hurts them more than anything else not to notice them.

During the strike here we had two or three brothers arrested. We all know Phila. has the largest colony of prize fighters, but the lineman here is very tame and harmless so you see that those in trouble got out as they were also harmless.

Well, brothers, this is about all can be said about the strike here. We fought them three months until we could fight no more because they did not hang on; if so, we would have fought for three years if necessary, but the time is coming that we will give them another bump.

Brothers, keep shy of Jim Conway in your travels, as he was chairman of the executive board here and ran away with the treasury of a little over one hundred dollars.

Brothers, it would be good policy to look at the letter our grand president put in last month's Worker; it is good for all of us to use the same judgment as so many

strikes on at the same time will put us on the bum. Let us try not to have so many cities at the same time; it will never do. Would like to see the E. B. adopt a method not to leave more than two cities at the most. Brothers, take this in hand and give it a thought, so when a city is out we can all pour in money until they do win if it takes a year. Don't show any yellow streaks in our backs. Die game. Well, to some brothers up along the lake region, will say, at the coming election be careful who you vote for, as you are organized to fight the capitalists and trusts. You might continue the same with the vote you cast; and don't forget who broke up all the longshore unions in the lake regions a few years back. Now in this country he says to his leaders: go among your labor organizations and get them. You can tell what a crust he has to tell his people to go where he would not dare go, as he knows what he did to the longshore unions. Give him a breath as you realize that the laboring class of people is what he has got to look to to assist him, and as it is getting so now the laboring class of people have got to try to put in people who will support them and pay them back morally in return for their vote. Organizations have to study both economy and politics now days.

Yesterday was Labor day here, but was hardly noticed as this city is not educated enough in unionism to celebrate, especially in our branch. We in the last three months have lost three of our worthy members by getting killed: Earl Youngman, better known as Kid Youngman. Two others killed by current, Bro. Frank Kelly and Edward Magee, whose deaths were felt very much among the brothers. Bro. Magee was out all during the strike with us, returned to work the Saturday after the strike was declared off on Friday and was not in the best financial condition, but as the union is likewise, the brothers are making up a donation to the wife and little ones.

Faternally yours,
P. S., Pro Tem.

Local Union No. 22.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On Aug. 22nd Bro. Edward G. Fee was brutally murdered by a gang of toughs. Four pieces of humanity are now being held for murder in the first degree, and I can safely add Local 22 will do all in its power to see that the law takes its proper course. Labor Day for 1900 has come and gone and, as in all previous years, unionism did herself proud. Local union 22 joined other unions from Omaha and South Omaha in celebrating in South Omaha. We carried off the honors in street parade and also at the grand picnic, which was held at Syndicate park, in the afternoon

and evening. Local union 22 turned out half a hundred strong in the parade, each member with a fine cane on the head of which was mounted a small electric light. We also had the finest float in the parade. Bros. Norton and Thompson certainly did themselves proud as the two Irish line-men.

AK-Sar-Ben, Omaha's fall festival, will soon be here and in my October letter I will have an interesting account of the fine electrical display which I am anticipating.

At our last regular meeting it was regularly moved and seconded that Ed. P. Smith be put on record as being antagonistic to organized labor, which was carried. The reason for this motion is simply this: Ed. P. Smith, a local politician who had full charge of the Jacksonian day celebration, which was held in South Omaha a few weeks ago, allowed the park in which Bryan, Stevenson and other prominent democrats spoke to be wired by a rank scab outfit. Considering this to be an injury to our union, we sent a committee to see Ed. P. Smith and he ran a large Boss Croker bluff and told our committee he was running the Jacksonians, and so it is now up to this boss, Ed. P. Smith. This man Smith has underestimated the strength of Local union 22 and organized labor in general and now it is time we were showing these political bluffers who we are.

I appeal to all the members of Local union 22 to show the Jacksonian club that it will not pay to have men of the calibre of Ed. P. Smith to represent them on occasions where it requires men of brains. As a delegate to the B. T. and C. L. U. of Omaha and T. and L. C. of South Omaha, I shall see that Ed. P. Smith goes on record as antagonistic to organized labor, and then we will be ready to receive a call from Boss Ed. P. S.

I wish to thank the Western Electrical Co., Wolf Lovett Construction Co. and Mr. Pearson, E. E., for the fine prizes which they gave to be contested for at our Labor Day picnic. Bro. Keyson won the telegraph instrument and plyers; Bro. Fred Thompson the fine connectors; Bro. Schroder the 50 cigars, and all are happy.

Local union No. 22 sends her regards to Bro. John Mullady, at St. Paul, Minn., and A. M. Reynolds of Chicago; also all our old members in Buffalo and Salt Lake City. All members working.

Faternally yours,
GEO. E. RUSSELL,
Press. Sec.

Local Union No. 24.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was elected to fill the very important office of press secretary some time ago and have sadly neglected my duties in the past, but will try and make amends in the future by having something in every issue of the Worker.

Labor Day has come and gone and it is one to be remembered by every laboring man in Minneapolis and by all others who had the privilege of seeing us, as it was the largest and pronounced by the press and general public to be the grandest parade ever witnessed in Minneapolis. The different organizations turned out almost to a man, all told about twelve thousand men. They all had very neat costumes and there were also some floats. The electrical workers were way above candle power.

No. 24 is certainly enjoying prosperity, as we have increased our membership one hundred in the last year, and are adding as many new lights at each meeting as we have time to connect up.

Our worthy president, Bro. Reynolds, was called away to attend the last sad rites of a relative who unfortunately came in contact with a high potential while performing his duties. Beware, boys, for we cannot be too careful, and we don't know how soon our time will come.

Bro. Vaughn met with a bad accident but is around again. Bros. Rust and Hays have also been on the sick list but are around and all O. K. once more.

Brace up, boys, and keep your lamps trimmed, as the voltage may lag on us at any time. I would not advise any of the brothers to come this way just at present, as the Bell laid off a great number of men and several of the brothers are out of work, but if you should come at any time, be sure and have your card in good order or you are apt to receive a cool reception.

We just purchased a banner, which is about as nice as any organization has; also one gross of reversible badges. How could they be otherwise than the best with Bro. Reynolds as chairman of the committee that purchased them?

I would like to (and believe I could) write all day, such as it is, but it is time to go to work, so will close the circuit for this time.

Fraternally,
G. P. HOLFORD.
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 29.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected to write to the Worker, I start with this short letter and let the loose connections go by.

We are all working in Trenton, and only nine hours; that is, the independent companies, Home Telephone and Gas and Electric Co., but the Bell men are working ten hours, as usual. We are having good meetings every week, but of course there are some who don't come very often. As it has been very warm, maybe that's the cause.

Bro. Quilligan had the misfortune to lose \$35 this week.

There is quite a little trolley work going on across the river in Penna; they are building the trolley road from Morrisville to Philadelphia, and are paying \$2.50 a day for ladder work.

We received word from our former president, P. J. Dunn, that he had the misfortune to let a flagstone drop on his fingers, which necessitated amputation of two of them, and now he is walking the board walk of Atlantic City.

Hoping to send a longer letter next month, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
SPLINTER.

Local Union No. 35.

Massillon, O., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected to fill the office of press secretary, I will try to let the brothers know how we are progressing in Massillon. On Thursday evening, August 30th, we organized Local 35 of the I. B. E. W. with the following members: Hugh Murrin, M. Boyle, H. M. Buskirk, John Schugardt, Frank Strangeman, H. J. Sutherland, P. P. Hovis, Jack Frost, H. G. Fox and C. C. Miller as charter members.

The following officers were elected:

Pres.—Hugh Murrin.
Vice-Pres.—H. M. Buskirk.
R. S.—H. J. Fox.
F. S.—C. C. Miller.
Treas.—Jack Frost.
Foreman—John Schugardt.
Inspector—M. Boyle.
Trustees—Frank Strangeman, Hugh Murrin, H. M. Buskirk.
Press Sec.—H. J. Sutherland.

Our second meeting was held on Thursday, September 6th, and we received twelve applications, which we think is a very good start. All the applicants are employed here in Massillon by the new telephone company and the electric light company. As there are several electrical workers employed in Canton, only eight miles from here, we expect to get them all in Local 35. We are pleased with the outlook for the local in this town, as we have no trouble getting applications from those who are eligible to become members. We expect to hold an opening meeting some time soon and will invite all electrical workers in this neighborhood to attend and enlighten them on the benefits to be derived from the I. B. E. W. The most of us are now employed installing a telephone plant for the reserve Construction Co. of Ohio, the main part of which work is now completed. A few of the brothers dropped in here on us but as we were filled up it was impossible to put them to work, but they did not leave here hungry.

Mr. Al. Morse is supt. of this plant and too much credit cannot be given him for the way he treats the boys, and I am sure the boys appreciate his fair treatment of

his men, and any and all of them do all in their power to uphold him in his position. We also have Bro. Frank Strangeman as general foreman. It is unnecessary to say anything in behalf of Bro. Strangeman, as we all know him to be O. K. This company is to be congratulated on securing two such able men to look after their work.

Bros. Durkin and Day are here doing the cable splicing. They both hold cards in Local 39, Cleveland. They were here in time to assist us in getting organized and the boys appreciate Bro. Durkin's good advice. This local desires to thank Bro. Sherman, our G. S., for his promptness in sending charter and supplies, as application for charter was mailed to him on the night of August 27th and charter and supplies received by us on the morning of August 30th.

Mr. Editor, please give us space for this letter in your valuable Worker and I hope to be able to contribute something in the way of a letter each month. I wish to state that we meet every Thursday night at Opera House hall, North Erie St. I hope to see a letter from every local of the brotherhood in this month's Worker.

Fraternally yours,
H. J. SUTHERLAND,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 36.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, it has been a long time since you have heard from a press secretary of No. 36 in the interest of your little sister union. Like many more of the 150 odd press secretaries, am very slow in doing my duty, but from now on until my term expires will make it my aim to get a letter to you each month.

No. 36 is all right; had its ups and downs, but at the present writing they are the former. We have a few irons in the fire at present that are almost hot enough to weld together, which may be a surprise to many of our fellow workmen who are on the fence. One thing sure, they must either get off the fence or get knocked off. We don't want any splits.

We have had no idle men in No. 36 for some time past, but have a large field for making a much stronger local. It seems that most men are weak and would sooner hang back and be blood-suckers of organized labor than do anything to help themselves and fellow craftsmen by breaking off the chains that make them slaves to corporate greed by the most hazardous, laborious and scientific trade in existence. For which of the above are you paid? You are surely not paid for all. I will tell you in a short story, taking all as journeymen at their class of work. A would-be engineer, upon trying to start his engine, found that, try as he would, he could not

start it. After considerable time and book formulas had been tried to no avail, the manager sent for the engineer of a neighboring plant who, by a few strokes of the hammer set the engine right once more. The manager upon being presented with the bill, asked the engineer to itemize it. He did it, after this fashion:

Co., Dr.	
To Jno. Smith.	
For starting engine,	
1 hour's work,	\$.50
Knowing how,	10.00
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Total	\$10.50

Now, brothers, you get that fifty cents or twenty-five cents as the case may be, who gets the balance of it? But it is all our own fault. Electrical work has a great field and if the workers will only come together and join hands with us we will carve a slice off that chunk. We have but one member employed by the Sunset Tel. Co., which employs about twenty linemen. Such as they are. They go by the above name. God bless you, Eddie, you are strong in more than name. You are the only one that keeps that place from being a thorough scab concern. The rest cannot afford it, but manage to scrape up enough to join any other fraternal organization that may spring up.

Some people imagine they are standing in with the boss. He is liable to put a boy in their place. I have been told that Mr. Wiley (foreman) has an incubator; also that he has started a foundlings' home and is the matron and also that it is only a kindergarten; so the stories go.

Will try to get a snap shot of the gang and you can decide for yourself. At any rate the society for the prevention of cruelty to children should get around there and have him compelled to take off those belts of heavy tools that the children pack for ten hours a day and God knows how many hours at night. That is a burden even for a man to pack. Mr. Wiley is certainly a friend of organized labor and don't like to see them work. Perhaps it will be well for the Sunset Co. of this place to take the hint before organized labor does the balance of what the trustees of this city have left undone. They made short work of their career in city offices.

I was pleased to note that at the last convention of the A. F. of L. both old political parties were turned under the sod and advised us as working men to study economics. Just ask yourself the question why have you been a democrat or a republican all these years? Is it because they have ever put a morsel in your mouth? Is it that they have anything in their platform that would make the laboring class free men by making good labor laws? No; they are diametrically opposite. Then why is it? Have we not been

bamboozled by their gold standard, free silver, high and low tariff, etc.? It all comes out off the producers' bone and sinew, no matter how you look at it. Now, what we want is a direct vote on all matters. If we are intelligent enough to vote for our governors and legislators, senators, etc., we are intelligent enough to vote for United States senators, and not have them put in by corporation money by buying off the senators as was the case in this state. Likewise, our supreme judges, who must be placed in much the same manner so that they may decide in favor of the parties who give them their life pension. Show me a good labor law that has ever come out of committee at Washington? No; that is where they kill them. If anything should happen to slip through there is a supreme judge to barrel it. What we want is the direct vote on all laws, and that Emperor Bill or whoever is elected enforces them. But it won't be Bill. He wouldn't care if the people of the whole U. S. wanted a certain law if it didn't suit Mark and the few that he works for. But Eugene would. We know it because we tried him. Didn't he go to jail for us and stand all kinds of persecution and abuse for Wisconsin? The ballot is the only weapon.

He is up for president of the U. S. under the only platform that will ever help the working class of this or any other country—the social democratic. Get it and study it and see if I'm not right. If organized labor had taken up politics before some of these politicians would have felt the strong arm of labor long ago and such true-hearted men as Eugene V. Debs would be in the places where they could espouse the cause for which we are organized.

Yours fraternally,

JOS. J. SCOTT,

Press Sec.

Denver, Col., Sept. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my first attempt to write for the Worker you must excuse me, but I would like to hear from 36 through the Worker, as there has not been anything from them for some time. So, Daddy Strong, wake up your press secretary and let the world know we are still among the living. What is the matter with G4? Bro. Kline is here working for the 'Phone. Where are you, Bro. Buckins? Would like to hear from you brothers on the coast. Look out for scabs, as they will be going that way for the winter to get out of the cold. They are worse than rattlesnakes to union labor. I would like to say more about scabs, but it wouldn't look good in print, so I will ring off for this time.

Fraternally yours,

MERRILL WOOD.

Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In St. Joe 5,000 union men followed the fluttering of fifty organized labor unions. All were uniformed, proclaiming the particular calling to which they belonged. It was the grandest array of labor ever seen on the streets of this city. The same thing is true of nearly every city in the United States. Every year here organized labor is stronger than it was a year ago, and the end is not yet. No. 40 did herself proud and was out nearly to a man. The press secretary didn't go because he had a few sore spots. Maybe his fault, but of course I think I have one a coming. No. 40 should wake up and do business like men and quit rag-chewing. It takes from 2 1-2 to 3 hours to do one hour's business at present and then there is nothing done. I would like to hear from some of the other locals and learn if they do business or chew the rag as we do.

One of our 12 o'clock lights put in a new coil and made an all-night circuit of it by getting married. The positive pole is R. Arnold of St. Joe, and the negative, Miss Eva Salisbury, of Grand City, Mo. May they live long and happy is all the harm the boys of 40 can wish them.

Thomas Bastine, one of 40's members, has been working for the Rocky Mountain Tel. Co., in Colorado, but has returned to his old stamping grounds. Of course there was a magnet there. The boys all understand, but we haven't had any invitation as yet.

The linemen are in mourning on account of losing one of their fellow workmen by electrocution on August 7th. Mr. John Ross, working for the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Co., was sent to do some repairing, and it fell to his lot to connect up a primary wire that had been disconnected the day before, and in some manner, that perhaps may never be known, he got crossed with both sides of the primary wire, causing a short circuit through his body. A current of 1,040 volts passed through him, killing him instantly. He was taken down by two linemen named Connors and Morton, employed by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Co. His body was shipped to Maysville, Mo., by King Hill Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member. Mr. Ross was not a member of the local, but was going to send in his application in a short time. It is too late now. A lineman by the name of Bill Cassidy came to St. Joe some time ago and applied to the Citizens Telephone Co. for work. The foreman, Mr. William Bins, asked him for his card, and Cassidy said he didn't have one, but was hard up and if given a show would join No. 40. As Mr. Bins was in need of a lineman, he put him to work and at the end of three weeks presented him with an application and told

him he would have to join or quit, as that was a strictly union job. Cassidy said he would quit as he didn't care to join any union. All sister unions are notified to look out for this man and pass him up.

Bro. Wise seems to have a few sore ports as he didn't turn out Labor Day. Perhaps he didn't have the price of the uniform, 65 cents. If he had come around I would have loaned him the price. Come, Bro. Wise, just because I feel injured don't go to kicking over the traces or we may both get our wires crossed. Let's step up and take our medicine like men ought to.

Well, as this is my first attempt, I will ring off.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. NOONAN,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 41.

Buffalo, Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are steadily advancing in Buffalo. Nos. 41 and 45 will be able to do all the work here for some time. When we need more men we will doubtless call through this journal, the Worker.

We had a frying-pan parade on Labor Day. Some got cooled off sooner than others. On this account, we did not turn out with conduit, wire, motors and lamps, instead of frying-pans.

We are still adding lights; now have 90 and no burn outs nor overloads.

We elected one of our number as business agent to keep strict record of men, work and convey messages. He will have regular office hours. This is designed to avoid personal matters between employer and men.

We are adding one thing at a time and making our foundation strong.

Fraternally,

I. T. HEINZ,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 43.

Syracuse, Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In my last letter I neglected mentioning the newly-elected officers of No. 43, who are as follows:

Pres.—H. E. Yorkes.

V.-Pres.—Geo. Gersbacher.

R. S.—J. Leon Jones.

F. S.—William Silverman.

Treas.—James McJury.

Press Sec.—Louis J. Weaver.

We still meet at Myers Hall every second and last Friday in each month. I arrived in town Sept. 1st, having been away for the past three or four weeks.

The Labor Day parade was a great success here, two thousand men in line with bands galore. The electrical workers were represented by fifty men. The different unions had their officers' pictures taken in a group and sent to the Trades Assembly, where they were arranged in hook form and given out as souvenirs.

Brother Anthony can't bring his black-board around to the rooms until after election as has use for the same to instruct the "swamp angels" how to vote this fall. "Bretzel Gersh" says Anthony can give the "swamp angels" all the silver he wants but when Sitting Bull pays him off Saturday nights he wants gold.

Work is very slow here and a number of the brothers are out of work. The prospects are not looking any too favorable ahead. I understand that a number of the brothers accuse me of parting my hair in the middle with a towel. You are all at sea—I use a sponge.

Yours with baldness,

BILL NYE.

Local Union No. 45.

Buffalo, Sept. 10, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time having come around again for a letter, I will try and put the situation as it is in Buffalo now before the brothers throughout the country.

In the first place, the strike against the Bell Co. here is not settled yet, and we ask all our friends to see that no linemen come here until it is. The boys are not worrying very much, as most of them are working and the rest will be placed very soon, and they believe they can hold out as long as the company can with the calibre of the men they now have. Accompanying this is a list of those who are scabbing here at the present time. There are more of them and in our next letter we will be able to give you a completed list. I might say we believe that some of these men are working here under assumed names, and we are now catching some of those at work with kodaks, and in your next issue will be able to furnish you with some of their mugs, believing that some of our brothers will know them. I also enclose a list of our officers and hope you will see to it that "Cold Feet" and that other thing's names will not appear again in the Worker.

I suppose No. 41 will have a letter covering the prospects for work on the Pan-American Exposition, so I will not say anything about it, not having much time at my disposal just now and wishing to catch the next mail. I bring this to a close with the hope that all our trouble will be settled as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,

F. M. DEVLIN,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 49.

Chicago, Sept. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local Union No. 49 is dragging along slowly but surely. We still have a few members who take an active interest and are doing all they can for the good cause.

Brothers, if you would take as much interest in the union as you do in fraternal

organizations, our union would soon be the equal of any. Now here is a point for you to consider,—we are organized for social, intellectual and mutual advancement, to provide for the relief of sick and distressed members and their families, to provide a benefit fund from which, upon the death of a member who has complied with all the requirements of the union, his heirs secure financial assistance; and to get the confidence of our employers. Examine the objects of these fraternal societies and see where the union stands. Now, brothers, we stand in the same light, and still our cause is the better, for this reason,—the union protects your living by maintaining a standard wage and giving you a chance to purchase the sweets and necessities of life. Do the fraternal organizations? Hustle for the union, get members and it won't be long before you can get the same insurance from the I. B. E. W. at a much cheaper rate and on a sounder foundation than from the fraternal organizations.

Labor Day is past and gone for another year. We did our share to make a success of it by turning out with all members dressed up as fine as bankers and trust presidents. Our president, W. J. Callahan, is equal to any knight of the saddle. He reminds me of a Roman horseman, and his aide, V. Serritella, he must have been born in the saddle. Walking was hard, McCaffery, but you did nobly. Folk was as proud of the banner he was carrying as if it was the first boy. Kinney is simply an old veteran in his glory with the stars and stripes. The officers ahead of the banner, you would think, were the owners of all they surveyed. Bro. Blake, why he simply died and was walking with angels; McCloskey was the battle cry. O'Neill, well your military training stood you well; it assisted the rank and file to carry like regulars, not soldiers you know brothers. Thanks to you, Bro. Serritella, your kindness will not be forgotten.

Bro. M. Grady has improved enough to return to work. Bros. R. Mastin and Strain are working, but Bro. J. Coyne is only able to get about with the aid of a stick. Wishing success to you all, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

F. J. STRUBBE,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 55.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I attempt once more to write a letter for publication in our monthly paper.

Affairs of Local 55 are progressing smoothly under the watchful eye of Pres. L. M. Stedman and Vice-Pres. N. Rosseau. Our members are all working, but there is no extra work going on here. We are adding new members to our local every meeting night and will have five candidates to ride the goat next meeting. I

think the day not far distant when we will have one of the best locals in the Brotherhood, which is as it should be.

We have good material to work on, but have some men who tell us they would join us if it were not for some men in the union whom they do not like. I would say to those men that they do not talk like men, rather like little boys. Come forward, boys, and I will warrant you that those same men you do not like will be the first men to grasp you by the hand and be brothers to you.

It gives me great pleasure to read the Worker each month, but I am sorry to say that not one member has received a Worker during the month of July and August. I do not know who is to blame for this. The Fin. Sec. says he did not receive them.

Well, Labor Day has come and gone and I want to say that it was a howling success in Des Moines. The members of 55 were out in full force. Bro. Rosseau was appointed captain of the day, and he would have made General Miles green with envy if he had seen him marshaling his forces. Fraternally yours,

JAMES MARTIN.

Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is about the time, of course we wish to be represented with a few words, although everything is quiet with 56. There have been no weddings, deaths or births since our last letter. The Bell Co. laid off 8 or 10 men about the first, but they have put most of them back again. There are 2 or three brothers out of work but they expect work soon.

Bro. Red Pete has just returned from an exciting visit in Michigan; he has not given a full account of the affair yet, but we expect it will be interesting. He has not reported for work yet as he is not exactly right physically.

The would-be tree trimmer has quit the Postal and joined the Bucket gang. Bro. Vorhees, of Buffalo, has taken charge of the few remaining trees along the Postal line.

The underground work is not completed here yet, but soon will be, and then everybody will start a taking-down gang.

No. 56 was the whole thing in the Labor Day parade, and of course it rained, but that didn't stop the parade. Everybody had decided to march, and march they did, although it was very disagreeable, as there was a sort of Scotch mist all day. The big picnic went on, however, and everybody knew they had been to a picnic.

Well, enough is enough, of anything.

I am, fraternally yours,

BRO. RUBE.

Local Union No. 58.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am late with my letter this month but hope the brothers will kindly excuse me for cutting it short as I have been working on the 3 to 11 o'clock shift this month and have not had time to gather much news. I was depending on Labor Day for that, and as you all know how it turned out there is no need of me telling you.

I am pleased to say that Local 58 is still increasing its membership as we have taken in five new members in the last month. All members who are working on new buildings must carry working cards; those failing to do so will be severely dealt with by the local. Those members who have no working cards will receive one by asking the F. S. The members of this local who want badges can get them by giving the F. S. one-half dollar and paying postage. They are very nice emblems, and I think each member should get one.

I guess the boys did not like those letters they received from the F. S., as they all squared up. Those who are in arrears kindly pay up and let the good work go on. None of the boys who went out against the Bell Tel. Co. have gone back. The reports in the paper that the strike was off were untrue, as far as this town is concerned.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will close for this time, hoping to do better next.

Yours truly,

THE KID.

Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the moon is to be out all night getting full, I think the circumstance most propitious to send you the fourth installment of my ravings, and will endeavor to give you the electrical happenings of this vicinity since my last letter. My reference to the moon's condition is not intended to indicate any similar condition on my part. As Labor Day is past I am over that condition, as I hope all the rest of the boys are.

Well, to begin with, everything is moving along finely, and since my last letter we enlisted three or four recruits in our ranks and have a few more to come in later. Since my last, we raised our initiatory fee to ten dollars, and thereby hangs a tale. About four or five chaps who had been for the last six months making up their minds to come into the union, finally concluded to join. One among them, a foreman by the way, claimed that he had sent in five dollars with an application, some four or five months back. Upon investigation this proved to be true and the local gave him the privilege of coming in at the old rate, whereupon he demanded that the others be allowed to come in for the same rate,

declaring that if they could not come in for the old rate, he wouldn't either. So the local unanimously agreed to send them back their money. Comments on this case are unnecessary. They imagine they have life-time jobs and can do as they please, but that kind of work don't go with this local.

I regret to announce the failure of Dubinsky Elect. Co., particularly as Bro. Wm. Kellar, one of our oldest members and a partner in the firm, lost nearly three thousand dollars by the failure. The boys all extend their sympathy to Bro. Kellar, and hope that he will find means of recuperating his loss later on.

We are still holding our meetings twice a month, not being able to secure the hall for weekly meetings, but we hope to remedy this at our next meeting. The attendance at our meetings is gratifying and much enthusiasm prevails, but we long to see the full-moon face of Bro. Earnest Kuhlman once more a feature of our gatherings.

Bro. Charley Coleman, famed for the loud-sox which adorn his feet, has taken unto himself a helper in the person of a charming young widow. We all heartily congratulate Bro. Coleman and hope that prosperity will always be their portion, and that Charley's wife will induce him to leave those noisy things at home when he comes to meetings.

No 60 was gladdened by the reappearance of its famous Ten Thousand Dollar beauty, Bro. Walter Graham, after an absence of several months, sojourning in the North to keep cool.

Well, brothers, the workers independence day has come and gone again, and to attempt a description would baffle a far abler pen than mine as words seem only to belittle the magnificent manner in which it was celebrated in San Antonio. Suffice it to say that with thirty-seven organizations in the parade, it was the largest ever seen here, numbering thirty-five hundred in line. The celebration at San Pedro Springs in the afternoon drew a crowd of ten thousand people, the largest crowd in the history of the park. The speakers were all union men, speaking on union principles only, politics being entirely tabooed. The encomiums won from the daily papers by the speakers showed that they were masters of oratory as well as of their trades. Altogether it was a day to be remembered. Everything went splendidly till Bro. Joe Wellage introduced Bro. Her-ring to the mayor of the city as Bill the Bum-Killer, then what happened will never be fully told as even the waves of the lake rolled over each other in ripples. With this description of the month's doings, I will break away and say good-by.

DUCKS,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 66.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has once more fallen to me to do the writing for Local 66. It has been a long time since I wrote a piece for the Worker; once upon a time it was my steady job, but I drifted away from Houston and was located at Beaumont, Tex., for the Postal Telegraph Co., where I worked as a combination man for two years. Not being able to get along with the local manager there decided to once more cast my lot in Houston. When I arrived here I found but few of the old faces, most of them being strangers to me. I went to work for the Southwestern Tel. and Tel. Co. here, where I have been employed ever since.

Well, everything seems to be pretty quiet since the strike against the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. They don't seem to think they own such a large space upon the earth, at least not in this locality. They think twice before they act, and I have heard it said that sometimes they even go so far as to ask advice. The strike was the means of having the local manager send in his resignation. The girl members seem to be well pleased and those who can, attend the meetings pretty regularly. It would do your heart good to see some of these old pole-hikers dress up to come to the meetings. They used to come in whatever they happened to have on and then it was hard to get them to come at all. Now there are a lot of them you could hardly induce to stay away, even with the promise of all the "magnolia" they could put below their belts.

Well, Labor Day has passed off and a grander success was never known in this city. The electrical workers won second prize in the parade, and could just as easily have taken first if some of the brothers had not been a little careless in their dress or uniform. We were also entered in the amusement program for a tug of war with the brewery workers' union, and we were there to show them that we could outpull them, which we proceeded to do in a very short space of time. Our new banner was a feature in the parade; it was as fine if not the finest and prettiest there. Many words of praise were heard by the P. S. as we marched along the street and it is needless to say that there was not a man there who was not proud to march behind it. To the Houston Labor Journal is due much of the success of Labor Day in Houston.

Excuse me for this time, as I must hang up the receiver.

Very respectfully,

GEO. D. CROSSLEY,
Press Sec.**Local Union No. 67.**

Quincy, Ill., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As No. 67 is without a P. S. just at pres-

ent, I will just close the circuit for a few seconds. We sadly miss some of our traveling brothers. Bro. Walter Dasbach is not at our meetings lately; his smiling countenance was always a shining star directly across the room from our president, who has also left us, but we hope he is better off financially as he has a much better job than he did here. Bro. James Johnston also away, but I cannot say where, though he left here with an O. K. card. Then, of course, we have the stay-at-homes and the fellow who cries about the hot nights, and all in all it cuts our meetings short.

Bro. Redmond had a friend out last night to celebrate Labor Day which was done in the proper manner here—about six blocks of men on foot besides the merchants display in which the garment workers did "cut ice" and especially those in the wagon.

Well, boys, we have a new foreman. Chas. W. Crager has gone west to be general manager of an electric plant. He took with him our best wishes and a beautiful silver tea set which we presented to him. Chas. W., you have our kindest regards, and here's to our new foreman, may you be as kind as C. W. Crager was.

Brothers, we hope the backbone of the hot weather is at last broken. We have a "company" man in our ranks. Keep your eye on him (Omerry). What makes "Dad" walk so erect lately? Can you guess? A ten-cent watermelon for the first correct answer.

We are exceedingly glad that Old Crip is getting along so well and only wish we could help him a little; but, Bro. Wright, maybe we can, will see about it myself.

Bro. C. C. Ford has a good job in St. Louis, so we are informed; luck to you "Cal."

The trimmers here have a snap. One council man has about 250 lamps to see after and the city trimmers have from 112 to 120 each. They are lucky that Quincy has no more lamps and they get a great big \$50.00 every month. What do you think of that? Well, brothers, as this is my first offense in writing for the Worker (or the waste basket), I will open the circuit and if I see this in print may try it again.

Fraternally,
"NOXALL."**Local Union No. 70.**

Cripple Creek, Col., Sept. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Was elected press secretary at our last meeting, as the brother who was chosen at the regular election failed to show up with a letter in the Worker. We have been getting along very nicely and everything is working smoothly with the exception of a few brothers who wish to work in this district and do not seem to care to keep a paid-up card, but I expect they will find it

an up-hill business if they do not come around with some hard cash before very many moons. We have a very nice hall of our own, which we furnished ourselves, and every member in good standing has a key and is at liberty to go there at any time, where he can find all of the latest magazines and scientific papers. We meet every Wednesday evening in the Farley & Lempman block, corner Third street and Bennett avenue. This local has been organized for a little over a year. When we organized there were just thirteen of us; since that time we have initiated about 110 members, and they are still coming in, some by persuasion and others of their own free will. At our last meeting we initiated two more members and had two or three applications for membership. I hope any brothers coming this way will be sure to see that their cards are up-to-date, if not they will probably run up against a pretty hard proposition as far as getting work is concerned. We are always glad to have brothers visit us, and extend a hearty invitation to all who carry an up-to-date card in their pocket. Work is pretty good just at present, but I believe there are some few brothers out of employment.

The following are our new officers:

Pres.—Ed. Warner.

R. S.—J. C. Hicks.

F. S.—A. Ytiass.

Treas.—Joe Lovel.

Press Sec.—Taylor Chunn.

Foreman—Mort Kinnir.

Some of our brothers met with quite a serious accident a few days since. While coming home from work on the new road of the C. S. & C. C. Ry. Co. the hand-car got away from them on a four-per-cent. grade and ran into some car trucks. Bro. J. C. Hart had four ribs broken and quite a number of bruises and small cuts; Bro. W. P. Shaw, of No. 3, St. Louis, received very severe scalp wounds and had to have eighteen stitches taken on his head (guess it will look like a crazy quilt after he gets well). Two or three of the other brothers were slightly injured, but am very glad to say that all are on the road to recovery and we hope to have them out with us before very long. All have received the very best of care and attention.

We had quite a nice parade to-day, although some of the brothers seemed quite anxious to work, and others who did not have to work were seen loafing around town. Must have been afraid of getting their shoes dusty, or that some of the fair sex would steal them. I think it speaks very badly for a brother who will not or is ashamed to get out and show that he is an electrical worker. Maybe they think that they are just a little too good to walk in the middle of the street. If that be the case, and they will let their wants be known, I am sure No. 70 will do all in its power to have the parade on the sidewalks for their benefit.

I sincerely hope that this letter will meet with the approval of the members of No. 70, especially some who took such active part in the election in my behalf. Will try and do better as I grow older at this business, as this is my first attempt at letter writing for any organization.

Faternally yours,
TAYLOR CHUNN,
Press Sec.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Sept. 3, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

As the press secretary of No. 70 seems to have been out shooting trouble for the past six months, I thought I would cut in and let you know how things are progressing in this union. Today is Labor Day and the members of No. 70 and the different unions of the camp turned out to the number of over 20,000. They had one of the largest parades ever held in the West and a grand celebration and picnic at Pinnacle Park, one of the camp's resorts.

The most important bit of news is an accident that occurred on the Colorado Springs short line Saturday, August 18th. As the men were coming home from work on a flat car which was used by the feeder gang under E. W. Ross, they came around an abrupt curve at a high rate of speed and collided with another flat car. Both cars were demolished and the seven men who were on the car, most of whom were members of No. 70, were more or less badly cut and bruised. The two most seriously injured were B. M. ("Scotty") Shaw who was badly cut about the head and body and also received internal injuries. He is able to be about but will not be able to resume work for several weeks yet. Ira A. Hart, of No. 70, was severely injured internally and also received several cuts and contusions about the body. He is still in bed and there is some doubt as to whether he will recover or not.

The boys have fitted up neat club and reading rooms on the third floor of the Fairley-Lampman block. Books, periodicals, daily newspapers, magazines and the Electrical Worker are on file. The room is a popular rendezvous for the boys and their friends. Traveling brothers are always welcome.

Work is good in Cripple Creek for men who have cards. There is construction and rebuilding going on and it is almost a sure thing that a competent union man can catch work the day he strikes town. Non-union men and scabs are not wanted, however, and will find it impossible to get a situation in Cripple Creek.

New officers for the present six months were elected on the first meeting night in June. They are as follows:

President—Harry Teal.
Vice-Pres.—Charles Kellogg.
Rec. Sec.—Joseph Hicks.
Fin. Sec.—William Ives.
Treas.—Joseph Lovell.

Teal resigned and left the camp and Ed. Warner was elected to fill vacancy. Wm. Ives also resigned and E. P. Stern was elected to fill vacancy.

No. 70 is affiliated with the State Federation of Labor and is also a member of the Trades Council of Cripple Creek. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition. It is taking in all the good men, on investigation, found to be "square" that blow along this way.

Jack Stedman is again a member of No. 70. He deposited his card last week and the boys are all glad to have Jack once more among us.

Well there isn't much more that would be of interest to you or readers, left for me to say, so I will close. I think that this will cause the press secretary of No. 70 to wake up and attend to his duties.

Respectfully,
M. J. ("SLIM") HEALY.

Local Union No. 73.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 2, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

The affairs of No. 73 are progressing very nicely. We have all received an advance of 25c per day, for which we can thank the local. A committee was appointed to draw up letters to the respective companies, which was accepted very nicely, the managers saying it was the best business-like letter they had ever received in any way. We asked for a reduction of one hour, which they did not grant, but after hearing the reason why it was refused, we gladly omitted that clause in our request, due to the gentlemanly manner in which our committee was received by them.

We hope in the near future to have a strong union of telephone girls in Spokane, of which we can feel proud. There is at present nearly 80 girls employed by the I. T. T. Co. Their managers have shown a little feeling for them by reducing their hours to eight. The business men say they can see a difference in the service that they can't account for unless it is the better treatment the girls receive from the manager.

Bro. Cook, who has been on the sick list for nearly three weeks, is out again and hopes to return to work soon. We would like to see a union of some kind in Portland, Ore., a large place which employs many men whom we need in our ranks.

Companies of all kinds doing line work in and around Spokane want men, but good men. We absolutely refuse to have anything to do with apprentices, as they have been a hold back to us long enough. If a man comes in here and does not fill the bill to the boss he goes, as should be, to my idea.

We hope Locals Nos. 76 and 77 will get to work and tie-in, get something, wake up the monied guys, show them that some day they will have to come around to the

different locals, and say "good morning men; how are you gentlemen? A nice day. Like to have a couple of men. Am willing to pay \$3.00 for only eight hours work." Then we can say that they respect us. Ha, ha, ha!

To-morrow is Labor Day and Local 73 will have the best turnout in its existence. We will show them the boys that hike the poles and put in the telephones and electric lights.

Went fishing to-day and got two nice large fish, which I wish were large enough that I might invite all the boys up to supper and have a small—oh well, you know, keg of nails. Well, supper is on, so will close, wishing I could explain things more thoroughly that I write. Am a fair talker but a poor composer.

Yours fraternally,
E. A. ROSS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 76.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 1, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

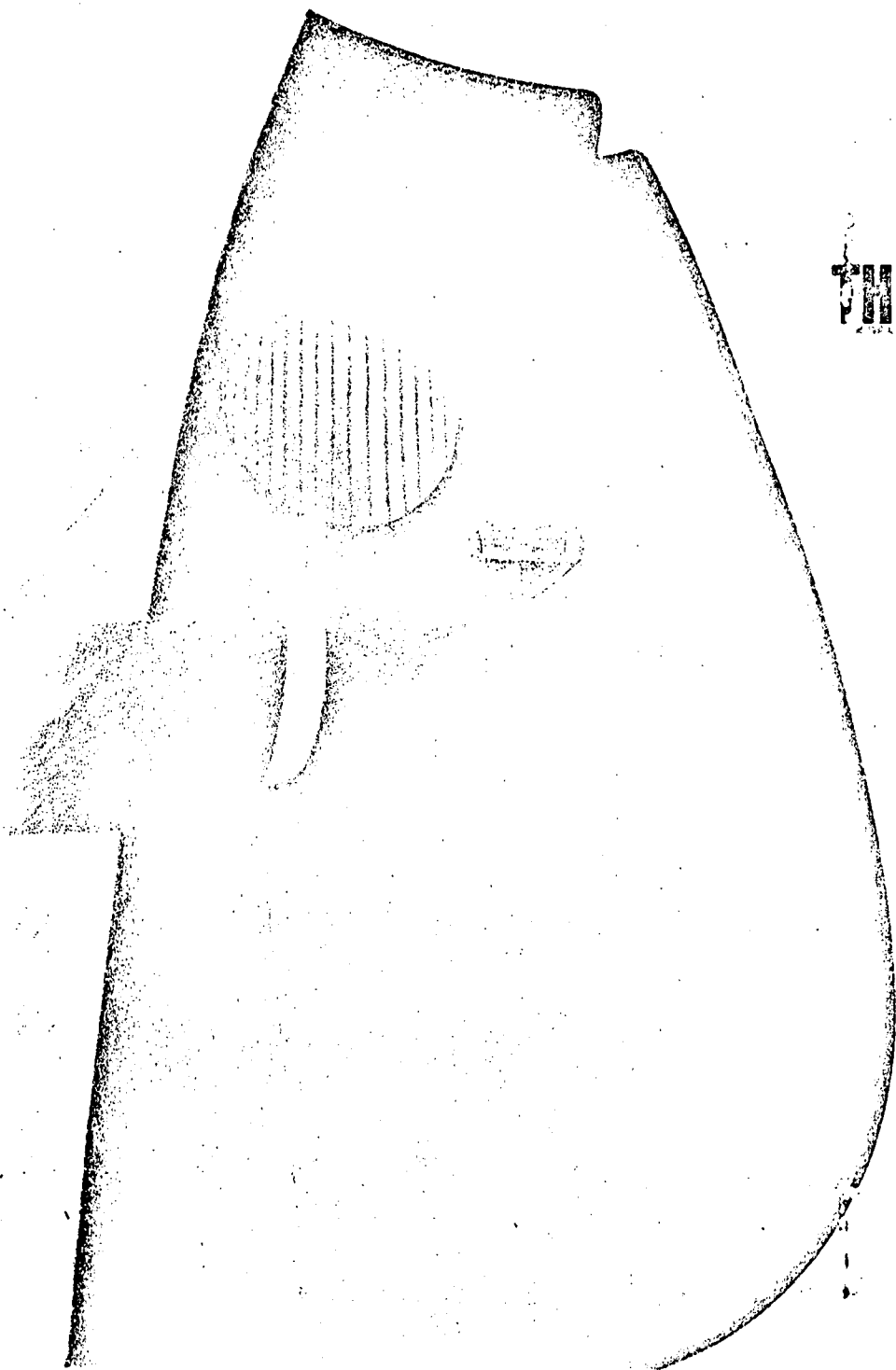
As local No. 76 has not been heard from for some time through the columns of the Worker, and as I had the honor to be elected press secretary, I will try and let our brothers east of the Rockies know what we are doing out here on the shores of the wild and wooly Puget Sound.

Well, brothers, Local 76 has been having a sleep, in fact she slept so sound that she forgot to wake up in time to elect officers at the regular time. But, as the old saying goes, "better late than never." Local 76 now has a full list of new officers which were installed last meeting. We also changed our meeting night from first and third Tuesday to every Saturday night, and everybody interested agrees to do all they can to make the future of 76 a success. Following is the list of officers:

Pres.—D. V. Peterson.
Vice-Pres.—E. Soule.
Rec. Sec.—J. C. Murphy.
Fin. Sec.—E. Ripley.
Treas.—L. S. Whitty.
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Inspector—M. Dyslin.
Foreman—T. Vogel.
Delegates to Trades Council—C. S. Whitty, E. Soule, Charles McManus.

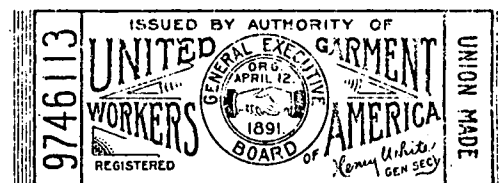
The Sunset Telephone Company has a large force of wire fixers rebuilding the city. It is going to move into new quarters in the near future and is also going to place some of its heaviest leads underground. The City electric light department also has a large number of liners at work changing its system over from one thousand volts to two thousand and eighty, they are also installing a thousand kilo watt alternator, J E type.

Inside work is brisk. There are a number of new buildings going up, mostly residences.



THE EMBLEM OF FAIR LABOR,

THE Foe OF THE SWEATSHOP.



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has this label attached by machine stitching
to the inside of the pocket of a coat, pants or vest.



Bro. Fred Todd met with a bad accident the other day while working for the telephone company. He was climbing to the roof of the Wheeler hotel when the fire escape broke, letting him fall thirty-five feet to the pavement. He sustained a nasty cut on the knee and was otherwise badly bruised but is getting along as well as could be expected.

Hello, there, Charlie Elmore! What is the matter, old boy; you surely have not taken your name off the tourist list for good and anchored in the great metropolis? But then, I see you have our old friend Charlie Hatt for a side kicker. Keep the good work going on and maybe we may meet again in the Sunny South.

Weil, brothers, I suppose you are all getting ready for the great Labor Day parade in your respective cities. The Tacoma Trades Council is endeavoring to make next Monday the greatest day the city has seen since the time of big boom. Every trade in the city is going to turn out to take part in the parade.

Say, Maurice Donaghue, we need you out here on the Pacific slice. And you Sully, and Little Jack, we need you all out here and a whole lot more to wake us up and make stews this winter. There are all kinds of clams and coal oil cans, and when the tide is out the butcher shop is open.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES M'MANUS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 77.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I felt disappointed not to see my first letter in the July issue, but it may have been too late; anyhow will try again, hoping that this may reach you in time.

Boys all working and very little laying-off now, but I cannot quite understand what prompted the Weary Willie, or "the soldier," as he signs himself, to write the news about our town. If he had looked up any of the brothers he would have found them working for \$2.87½ a day. The \$2.50 people are not with us; so, boys, if you are thinking of coming west, don't be misled. Another thing, we don't work 10 hours, and those who do we hope to have on the right side one of these days. I have failed to find any of the brothers who met this traveler. Wonder he wouldn't have made himself known. The Seattle Electric Co. is much easier to find and people without cards don't stay long there and I know the boys would have been glad to have met any traveling brother who might come along and would very likely show him a good time.

The telephone girls are back at work at present writing. The matter is not thoroughly settled and there will very likely

be an opposition company in very shortly.

I will again give you the list of our newly elected officers:

Pres.—C. A. Eaton.

Vice-Pres.—Samuel Weipert.

Fin. Sec.—G. G. Jenkins.

Rec. Sec.—Geo. R. Cooley.

Press Sec.—S. H. Metcalf.

Foreman—Ross McKay.

Inspector—John McNeil.

Trustees—Maitland, Aguttus.

Delegates W. C. L. U.—Eaton, Randal, Metcalf.

Delegates Building Trades—Stull, Maitland.

Fraternally yours,

S. H. METCALF,
Press Sec.

Seattle, Sept. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It was noticed that my delayed letter came out in the last issue, and I wish to make an addition to my report on our newly elected officers. I omitted Bro. Clark as one of our new trustees. Our delegates to Building Trades Council are Stull, Mirpert and Maitland and to the W. C. L. U., Eaton, Randall and Metcalf, and so far all officers are attending to their duties faithfully.

Since my last writing we lost Bro. Shorey. It was at first reported that he met death by some foul means but it was afterwards decided that death resulted from natural causes. He was just finishing up some work in Whatcom at the time. About half our membership turned out at the funeral, one of the prettiest floral pieces bearing the initials J. B. E. W.

Bro. McLaughlan has been laid up for several weeks with a sore leg, funny too, because he is good natured and hardly ever kicks and it couldn't be he was like Shorty and went to sleep and got jumped on.

Work has been pretty lively for inside men, a great deal of it being transport work and still several vessels to do. Some of the brothers have accepted good paying jobs going along.

Bro. Wallenshlager looks every inch a chief with his uniform on. Don't know the clothes will fit when a few months and one hundred and twenty-fives roll around. Maybe some of the boys would like to meet him when the Athenian gets back.

Bro. Carkeek has just returned from his annual sojourn to the North Pole. I believe he got as far as Nome, and then the other name, spelled somewhat similar but sounds better and more comfortable at least, home. He returned home in company with Bro. Renwick, who holds one of those nice berths on one of those nice large steamers with a nice remittance every month.

The telephone operators are all back in their places and seem content with their victory. Neighboring cities seem to have reaped some benefit. Tacoma and Portland acceded to the demand of the girls for more pay and shorter hours, and the superintendent who thought so much of himself and so little of the comforts, needs, wants and desires of the girls under his charge, has been removed, and sent to a more helpless section. Look out for him boys in 61, he may be near you. The Telephone boys are waking up and joining us one and two at a time.

Bros. Mullen and Slater, from No. 24, are staying with us awhile.

Labor Day we turned out about 75, which was very good considering the number of boys in town. The parade was quite a showing for organized labor, about 3,500 in line and a circus going on at the same time, but Rusty seemed to keep the boys amused until the parade was over. Most of the boys carried copper canes and were the center of attraction for the junk men. We had a new banner to march behind and Bros. Eaton and Cooley feel justly proud of the success of their efforts in obtaining one on such short notice. Find inclosed resolutions adopted on death of Bro. Shorey.

S. H. METCALF,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 79.

Syracuse, Sept. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more the big ship is in the harbor and the nightingale softly sings "Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy!" We have done it and we are going to do it all over again. On all sides of the street you could hear only the one thing, "What a fine body of men." That's what the people of Syracuse thought of her nearly a hundred linemen as the big parade marched through the principal streets on Labor Day with their white caps and home-made canes, made of wire. The ladies followed us strewing beautiful flowers for us to walk on, while the band played "There is Nothing too Good for the Irish." Bro. Sherman, if you could have seen us in the parade and remembered the little handful of men you organized here, it would have made you think of the days we were putting on those green eight pins for Billy McDonnell on Platt and Allen streets. Everybody was doing his little bit, and it is the earnest wish of your humble servant to be spared until the 3d of next September and be able to say he paraded with the boys of Local 79. Directly after the parade we were invited to partake of the choicest refreshments and liquidations that Landlord Listman's place affords. The toasts were all well delivered and the master of ceremonies, Bro. Dan Cambridge, called to the center of the arena the two

wrestling champions of two great nations, brought by special train from Berlin to participate in the grand overture presented by Local 79. Then came the Olioies, three, from the sunny South, singing the latest selections from Bro. James Roberts' pen, entitled "Have Another." The cake-walking was simply immense, Bro. T. Sullivan getting the cake. Then came the rope-throwing contest, Bro. Chas. Flood winning by 27 glasses, having performed the wonderful feat of throwing a hand-line 67 feet and breaking 57 high balls. I think Bro. Ed Marrion could learn how to win over Bro. Jim Broderick if he would take a few lessons from Charlie, but the finest thing on the program was the oration delivered by Bro. Patrick McDermott, entitled "Why did they Sell Killarney?" It brought back the days when we cut that barbed wire ground from the transmission line between Buffalo and Niagara Falls with 11,000 volts on the other side the arm. Hot stuff! well, I guess so.

If this catches the eye of Bro. Dell Raullett of Erie, Pa., it will bring back a few recollections of the above; hey, Dell?

Well, brothers, it is hard to believe we lost in Buffalo and Rochester, but I can truthfully say the Bell will be a long time getting together so competent a lot of men as they had in both cities. They were fixers, fellows, every one of them, and I am proud to say we have got two of them here with us, Bros. Peter Roach and Burkry. They are installed with Gen'l Foreman, J. K. Forte, of the C. N. Y. Telephone and Telegraph Co., who is ever anxious to engage fixers of their type, and right here I'll tell you he is a general foreman that would be hard to beat, for, different from Cheap John of Rochester, who I understand has resigned his generalship of the New Home and What's the matter, Chauncey? Did they tell where to get off? Supt. Harris knows; ask him. Good boy, Jack; you won't have any trouble with the boys. Let her bubble.

We took in six new brothers last meeting, Arnold, Rogers, Cerat, Tilden and the only Welch. Bro. Jim and several more will walk next meeting, then we will have 'em all but two, and I am sure Bro. Dan will land them.

There is lots of work for good card men in and near the City of Salt, so keep your eye on us when the big ship gets back to port, and I will tell you how it happened in my next. Sincerely yours,

L. J. CROUCH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, here we are again, still in Norfolk doing business at the same old stand.

Everything is moving along smoothly though work is a little scarce here at the present. The Bell Co. work in Portsmouth is about completed and the boys have most all left. Most of them are in Newport News. I think the Bell Co. has a pretty big job there now. We miss the boys meeting nights.

Well, I will now try to tell you something about how we celebrated Labor Day. We were honored with the presence of Mr. Tom Wheeler, and we were all glad to have him with us and hope he will not make it his last visit to Norfolk. We turned out in the parade about twenty strong, all dressed up in duck pants, black shirt, red necktie and white cap. The ladies all got stuck on us and said we were the best looking lot of men in the parade. What do you think of that? I think we made about as good a showing as any union. There wasn't so many of us as a lot of the brothers were out of town. It lays between us and the paper hangers for the prize for the best showing. We had a lovely banner, 3x4 feet, mounted on a long staff with three incandescent lights on it. Bro. Fowler rode a horse, as he was one of the marshals. You should have seen him; he certainly did look cute. We had to keep a close watch on him to keep the girls from stealing him. Bro. W. A. Alley was captain of the company, and he is such a good captain that I expect he will be appointed in the regular army soon. Our old reliable Bro. Bagley had the honor of carrying the banner, but he got tired of his job and was relieved by Bro. Hyland. After the parade we all went to Virginia Beach and had a good time. There Bro. Wheeler, who was the orator of the day, made a fine speech to the boys. We were all delighted to hear the grand president talk, but there was such a crowd and so much noise that he could not be heard at any great distance. We hope that next Labor Day we will be able to have a much bigger crowd in line.

Bro. Evans, from No. 88, is with us now. Well, we haven't added any new ones to our list this month, but I hope the boys will get to work and do something for the good of the union. I like to see every member take interest in the good work and attend the meetings regularly. I hope the next time you hear from me I will have some good news to tell you. It is getting late so I will ring off, and crawl in my nest.

Fraternally yours,

A. L. WINN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 83.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 16, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have just been elected to this office, I will make an attempt to do the best I can. I don't know that I can state any-

thing encouraging to the brothers in regard to work here; we are somewhat slack and have been laying off some men lately.

Some of our brothers met with an accident the other day. A street car collided with their wagon and hurt some of them pretty badly. George Chase, back hurt; Fred Stanley, four ribs broken, one arm and one leg hurt; both are able to be up.

No. 83 has been having some trouble with its treasurer. Instead of sending in our per capita tax, he goes and shoots craps with the money and then leaves town. This is the second case of that kind here, but we have the third man and I don't think any member feels any way but safe. The third time is always the charm.

We are preparing to make quite a show of ourselves Labor Day. We would like to have enough men to reach the length of Grand ave. We won't have that many, but think we will have a good turnout. I would like some of our members to remember they will be fined if they don't attend as many as two meetings each month. It seems to me as if they are trying to forget it, but it isn't to be forgotten. As it is pretty warm and I am tired, guess I will dead end; will try and do better the next time.

Yours fraternally,
S. L. DIXON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 83.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As my last letter was too late to reach the press, I will make one more attempt. We are just getting over the effects of Labor Day. We had a good turnout in the parade and had a long walk which ended at Schlitzes' park, so there was lots of Schlitzes' disturber there and we had a few.

Any brother having mail for No. 83 please direct same to E. McCarty, 143 Eighth Street, and it will be O. K. Emerton skipped the town and acted so unfair that we scratched his name off our list. If any brothers meet him, give him anything but the glad hand; a punch in the eye wouldn't be amiss. So, brothers, watch out for him.

I would like also to inform the brothers of 83 that there is a special assessment against them of \$1. Some have sent for traveling cards and will wonder why they haven't come.

No. 83 is doing fine of late, the applications are coming in 3 and 4 together. If the local grounds I think we will be able to do something here yet. The work here is pretty slack with the Tel. Co. but the

Light Co. took out some of the boys who were laid off. There is an opposition company about ready to commence work at Racine. We have been installing some new officers, Bro. Ed. Woodard president and I will give you the full list next month. Guess I will dead end.

Yours-fraternally,

S. L. DIXON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 84.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With your kind consent I will throw the switch and turn on the circuit of old 84 again. I do not claim that this circuit is the shining light to lead all others, though can truthfully say that I believe 84 will shine with the brightest.

We have some news this time which will interest all the brothers in the electrical field. No. 84 has won a victory over the Atlanta Standard Telephone Company; they have some scab foremen working for them who have been fighting union labor ever since they commenced work and instructed their men that if they joined the union they would be discharged. We held a call meeting and appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Rutherford, the general manager, and asked him to explain why it was that union men were so discriminated against. He told the committee that he knew nothing whatever about the matter, but would investigate it and asked the committee to bring some of his men that were working for him before him and he would hear what they had to say about the matter. We did so and they informed him how Foreman Walker had told them that if they were not union men they would be getting more money. The general manager also called Foreman Walker before him to deny or acknowledge the charges brought against him. He denied completely the charges, with the men facing him, but it was too weak a story to work. Some of our true friends that were renting Standard 'phones called the general manager up about this time and instructed him to send out and take out his (Standard Telephones) from their places of business, because their trade came almost entirely from the workingmen, that they would not lose the friendship of these people for all the Standard 'phones in the city. This ended the seance by the Standard Telephone Company recognizing union labor, and two of the scab foremen and all of the men that were held back by them have joined the union, and now Walker, the remaining foreman, advises all men to join the union, as it will not only benefit them, but will benefit the company and him. We have now all union men with that company and all is serene along the Potomac.

We had our Labor Day parade on Monday, the 3d, and had in line of march about seventy-five brothers, who made a grand display, as we had one of the handsomest floats in the whole line of march.

Work is rather scarce here at present. The construction department of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. has suspended work for a short time, but will open up again about the latter part of September. They have laid off a great many men, but most of the brothers have found work with a new company starting up in Birmingham, Ala.

I received a letter from a brother of 40, asking me to send him four good men and I sent two, and can send him all he will need. Hello Uncle Rastus, Bros Evans, Wilson, Polly and all you floaters. I do not know where to find you, but hope to reach you through this valuable paper. If you are with Captain Owens I will feel satisfied, for I know him to be a union man's friend, and wherever you are, we can go down in the bottom of our pockets and pull out that old dime and bet it against the house that you are working for the good of the order. I say a dime, for that's the size of my pile, but will have more, thank the Lord, when I sell my cotton and eggs.

For fear of getting the field of the machine too hot, and thanking you for your kind indulgence in allowing me to consume so much space. I throw the switch.

Yours truly,

W. R. JOHNSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 86.

Rochester, Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Again it becomes my duty to wear out pens and paper in behalf of 86, although I really can't see what of interest to the craft I have to tell.

We have our meetings with regularity and hold forth with all due solemnity when there are enough present to do any holding forth. This summer weather seems to have a chilling effect upon the ardor of our members. As I said before, we have an article called a fan installed in the center of our room, but it is of the breed upon which a fly could stand on one leg and never lose his balance. The motive power is somewhere else in the building, and the speed drops off along the belt in such large chunks that when it finally arrives there is less than none left for our comfort.

Say, brother editor, what is the matter with giving us some good articles on economics in a non-partisan form, something to set us fellows to thinking? It would do us a heap of good, or give us some good ar-

ticles on practical electricity; something after the pattern of other craft journals. Don't you think it would be of more practical value to us fellows than these short local articles are? Of course, the present method helps a great deal to increase the fellowship, etc., but what real good is it to Buffalo to know that Bro. Somebody at Ottawa has changed his job or got married. I can find men in my own local who would not be hurt in the least by a little education; in fact I could stand considerable of it myself.

In reading the minutes of the executive committee meeting in a late issue of the Worker, I was struck with the injustice of their action in throwing down the Newark local. It seems to me that a local already in existence under charter from our organization should not be subordinated to any local of more recent date without their consent and especially to one in a city some miles distant. The admission of No. 3 of New York has always rather bothered me as, although they would be an addition to the strength of the order, I considered that we could get along without their aid, and now that they are apparently trying to swamp one of our own old locals I feel more sore. As far as members of the I. B. E.W. are concerned, when they go to New York they might as well never have joined, as they practically have to join all over again in order to be allowed to live. And then, there is the admission of the electrical mechanics of Chicago on practically the same lines. We give them all the benefits of our order and receive hardly anything in return.

Well, to drop growling and come to town again, our sky at present is so cloudless that things of any great moment are hardly ever to be seen. The eight-hour day took effect the first of the month and the boys have been able to grab another hour's sleep in the morning which no doubt will be appreciated and do them good.

Bro. Graham has resigned the recording secretary's chair, which is now occupied by Bro. H. W. Smith, whose address is 42 Wellington ave. We are sorry to have to lose the best and hardest working official that this or any other union ever had, but as he insists I suppose that it has got to be. The boys showed their appreciation of his services by supplying him with a never-get-dry pen, which was delivered together with some appropriate remarks by Bro. Cook. Bro. Graham was taken by surprise but rallied and accepted with a few short remarks.

Labor Day has passed once more and the organizations of this city put up a parade that they may be well proud of and \$6 need take no back seat, as I can testify, for although I labored on that day I man-

aged to balance on top of a bicycle rack and see her go by. The parade was followed by a picnic at one of our local grounds which, though not as well attended as it might have been, was fairly a success.

Truly,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 88.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

You have probably heard of the Sunny South. We've got it right here, from 98 to 104 degrees unadulterated by friendly clouds or the shady side of a stick. No shade to be had. Most of the brothers talk of going to Jacksonville, Fla., as we understand the atmosphere of that metropolis is quite cloudy just now and if those clouds caused by the head-push of this brotherhood are not swept away right now there's going to be an electrical storm, cyclone or what you will that will demolish for some time the ship of unionism amongst the splicers and Cuffee will be the rock that punctures her bottom.

There air our sentiments mortally, morally, physically and from an odoriferous point of view—the white man is the superior of the negro. No exceptions at all. No one but those who have lived in the South all their lives can appreciate the true unworthiness of the negro character and understand the real causes of his, to us, fraternal ostracism. The negro is the laboring man's curse, for he can live like a pig in clover (unscrupulous) where a white man would starve. An employer that understands darky character will easily compel them to work for what he wishes and as long. He is a liar and thief, every one of them; it is a characteristic, therefore he must not be trusted with the integrity of the union.

Physically, he is the king of brute creation. An Indian would not have his offspring suffer from neglect nor his squaw the licentious slave of another race, but the nigger has as a part of his make-up the utter disregard of family ties. The complete exclusion of all that goes to make up an honest man, from the darky character, is inborn, taught, and exemplified to him by his elders, to such a fanatic degree of perseverance that to try to civilize him (nothing else) by the affiliation of our Brotherhood is a moral impossibility, for you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. And last, but not least, is that demoralizing, suffocating musk, that exudes from his dirty unwashed hide when Cuffee gets in a warm place. Like his character it won't develop until he gets warmed up to the issue (say a strike for instance) then he'll stink and the E. B. will hold its august nose and want to know what it is.

We are serious in this, we will not affiliate with the negro under any circumstances

as a Brotherhood man. We can't afford to cripple the good of the union by affiliation with him, and our positions as human-beings compels his ostracism in this respect. Anglo-Saxonism for ever.

We ask, beg, and plead with the Brotherhood to revoke charter allowed the negroes of Jacksonville, Fla. It is more damaging than the most dire catastrophe that could ever overtake the union for it means the starving out of the brothers now organized in the Southern cities. This we know to be a fact. Come down and smell him. You'll all agree with us. We are short on insidemen just now. Address Joe Walker, Elec. Supply Co., Drayton st.

We are anticipating the annual equinoxial gale and if we get it—well the W. U. will have to go to Jacksonville and get Cuffee.

We want to remind some of our brothers that there is an obligation which neglect nor petty jealousies does not excuse them from; but there's the fellows who don't come up and I suppose they'll always be there.

For the good of the union, relegate "Cuffee" to the rank and file of the impossibilities; attend meetings, and pay up; watch out for scabs and strangle "Cuffee's" propensities to affiliate with the Brotherhood.

H. H. BURT,
Press Sec.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Brothers of our noble order, a local has been organized in Jacksonville, Fla., composed of negroes, organized by the organizer of the A. of F. of L., Mr. Peterson. Note in the expense account of July Worker he was paid \$15.00. For what? For going against the wishes of our entire brotherhood. Well if not of the entire brotherhood, against the wishes of all locals in the South. Had he desired to find out the wishes of the locals, could he not have written Tampa, Fla., Pensacola, Fla., Atlanta, Augusta or Savannah, Ga., Norfolk or Richmond, Va.? Also why did he not state in his application for charter that the applicants were colored, which I am sure would have brought the desired information. No, he seeks not. He knew there were members of our brotherhood in Jacksonville and I believe he knew it would be against the wishes of said members to organize the negroes. No doubt his heart bled for the poor laboring man and he desires to place our poor colored man under the banner of organized labor. Oh, such a feeling; it ennobles the possessor. It is generosity itself when coupled with generous deeds. But stop, let us look for the deed! Ah, yes; it's generous, but to whom. Jacksonville was the home of the organizer, the home of the applicants. Now pray tell me why any organizer

should be paid such a sum. Was the same amount paid for Tampa, Pensacola, Augusta, Savannah? No; I say not. Columbus, Ga., paid nothing. Oh, my friends, it seems as if even in the ranks of organized labor we pay tribute. I protest against the payment to organizers of any such sum. Pay their actual expenses and per diem if they have to lose time, but let us have organizers who will not exact more than is theirs. I ask you to sum up the actual expenses of organizing this local and it will not or should not exceed \$1.50. The time has not come when we are to link ourselves with the negro. If so, why not the Masons, Odd Fellows and K. of P. affiliate with them? Oh, yes; why not the B. of L. E., B. of L. F., B. R. T., Typographical Union and pressmen, the machinists, blacksmiths, boilermakers, and others too numerous to mention? It's a wrong step and I for one pray that the charter be revoked. In fact, Local 88 has requested it. If there is no law governing this, there should be one made—that is that no local be organized where there is another in the state unless consent of said local be granted and that all applications for charters state all particulars as to race and conditions of applicants. Also to call attention of organizers to the fact that we organized for the good of all, not for a select few. We all want a good thing and know a good thing when we see it.

I hope that Mr. Peterson can find some way in his A. F. of L. to hold our colored men. I believe they should be organized in some way. But, I ask you, are you going to organize them? For the Southern locals I can answer no; so therefore we ask that our E. B. revoke charter on the grounds that it will be a detriment to the order; also that it was secured fraudulently by not stating to our G. S. that it was for negroes. Had this been done he, knowing conditions, would not have granted charter.

We are still doing business at the old stand, but this has been a hard blow. Attention should be called of the A. F. of L., that though we are affiliated with them we have rights that should be and must be protected. Hoping that the E. B., in its wisdom, will be guided by best policy, will close.

Yours,
E. J. McDONNELL,
F. S.

Local Union No. 89.

Akron, O., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As you had no news from No. 89 last month, we will try and send you enough good tidings this time to cut out the trouble.

Bro. Mayberry, of Minneapolis, Minn., came down from Cleveland Aug. 30th with a goodly bunch of applications and the candidates traveled over the line the same

night. They found trouble for further orders, but it was cleared before daylight and everything in working order.

Labor Day it seemed as though the gods and man were both against us. Rain in torrents nearly spoiled what would have been the finest parade ever witnessed on the streets of Akron.

Just as we were ready to go to our place with our float, we fouled a trolley wire, and then for a few minutes the wire-fixers had all the trouble in sight. However, such an occurrence with the gang of Indians we had on the wagon was simply a side dish. Of course we were all soaking wet, but old Sol finally managed to get outside the clouds and our parade was a big success after all.

No. 89 has a few applications on file for this month and good prospects for more. All in all, our local is on the boom, and we look for double our present membership by Jan. 1st.

N. E. HERWICK,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 90.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Labor Day, the workman's holiday, was fittingly observed in this city. The Trades Council held their picnic at Savin Rock, the Coney Island of Connecticut. Over 30 prizes were contested for in the different athletic events, which caused a large crowd to go to that shore resort. Conceding first place to Independence Day, it being the first instituted, Labor Day comes next as one of the nation's greatest holidays. They claim relationship through a third party, the laborer, who had to use the sword to make the former possible, while the latter was achieved by the use of the pen with a little argument thrown in. In the celebration of Independence Day we find the rich man anxious to participate in anything where he can show his patriotism, but when the workman's holiday comes, where do we find him? Is he burning red fire in honor of the day? No; he is either drinking fire-water in some richly-furnished club room, or concocting some scheme by which he could reduce the workman's wages so that he could not afford to enjoy himself on the day dedicated to his use.

The letter from our grand president in the August Worker was very good and we hope he will continue to write every month and encourage our brothers, for we look for great things from him now, as he is to give all his time to the I. B. E. W.

We expect every day to hear of a local being organized in Bridgeport, a neighboring city of ours only 18 miles from New Haven. We hope the promoters of it will be successful in getting every electrical worker in their city to join.

Bro. Michael Kiernan is getting along

remarkably well. He expects to be able to leave the hospital in a few weeks. Bro. John Keidrick is able to work again after being laid up seven weeks. Work for linemen continues good in this section, but inside men have not much work, as there are not many buildings going up. We cannot get them to come into the union. The reason is, the building trades are not well organized in this city. I read in the last Worker that several letters were left out for lack of space; we would read the others in preference to our own, so I will not take up valuable room. With best wishes to all the brothers, I am,

Fraternally yours,
F. I. HORAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 91.

Easton, Pa., Sept. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As you did not hear from me in the July Worker, I thought I would let you know that 91 is still doing a little stirring around. Bro. Sol has got back among his old boys and he is looking well and feeling like a fiddle. He has been slashing things out of the willow trees since he came back, and he ranks among the top notchers at the business. Here is the list of officers of our last election:

Pres.—Wilson Moser.
V.-Pres.—P. Lee.
Fin. Sec.—E. Welsh.
Rec. Sec.—G. Van Billiard.
Foreman—T. Grant.
Insp.—F. Ledger, — Cunningham.
Trus.—Transue, Cunningham, Grant.

Bro. Edwards has got his gang out among the bushes again, stringing wire from South Bethlehem to Coopersburg, Pa. I wish Bro. Edwards good luck while he is out of town. Bro. Croll, who took out a traveling card, has now settled down among the hills of Colorado. We were glad to hear from him; he is now in and around Denver. Local 91 wishes him good luck and a happy life in the gold fields.

Rec. Sec. Van Billiard, of Local 91, is now hunting trouble for the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Telephone Co. The company is about ready to change hands, and if so Bro. Van Billiard promises lots of work, which is slack with that company at the present time. The Bell people have plenty of work now around this part of the State. Bro. Beckenridge has left here for parts unknown.

We had the pleasure of admitting another brother to our local, Ben Housel, and a very good brother at that. Some people may think 91 is slow, but I guess we will pull up the stream with the rest of the locals; all we need is a little time. We feel sorry for Local 44, that it has such a hard fight on. But hold your nerve, boys, and you make them come to terms yet.

The Lehigh Telephone Co. is still push-

ing their work along as fast as they can, to get their new system in working order. They seem to be in a hurry with their work, but mighty slow about getting above the \$2.25 mark.

I think I had better throw in a switch and close the circuit of my thoughts and say good-by. Fraternally yours,

LUTHER BUNNEL,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 96.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 4.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is about time that a word from this local should reach the Brotherhood, I will try and write a few lines, for our press secretary does not have a letter every month, and there are others. What is the matter with 103? I see 104 has something to say, and I am sure we would all like to hear from 103 and all other locals. I am very sorry to see so many strikes going on at one time, and I think there may be small cause for some of them. If the thing keeps up much longer it will make our \$8,000 we had last spring look like 30 cts.; but if there is just cause for it, go ahead. I am willing to pay my 25 cents, and if there is a member who is not, he should pay just the same and never let anyone know that he was not willing to do so.

The inside electrical business is very good here with most of the contractors, but many of the members of 96 are out of town. Bro. French, with several other brothers, is in Providence, R. I., putting in telephones in the Narragansett hotel, in every room in the house. Bros. Hardy and Crawley are in North Adams wiring a hotel and theatre for lights. We expect to lose Bro. Rittenhouse and several more brothers from P. H. & R. shop, for a few months. They have about 3,000 lights to put in and as many more to rewire at Draper's, Hopedale, Mass., but we expect to hear from them once a month, and we hardly do that from some of them when they are at home. The Electric Light Co. is getting its wires under ground all over the city. Most of the work is being done by F. A. Allen, senior contractor. He lives a little out of the city, and turns his men into his sheep pasture nights. The wire is made and pulled in by the American Steel and Wire Co.

There is not much new building going on in Worcester at present, but quite a lot of repairs. The Columbia Electric Co. are just finishing the Bessy Bryant Co. new store. The most of the work was done by union men. The Columbia Co. are also doing a job at Bloomingdale Insane Hospital, Worcester. Bro. Johnson has charge of it. There are only a few good men in Worcester that are not members or have their applications in. The few say they will come in later if we get along and do anything that will be of benefit to them.

I hope that we will be able to promise them more pay and less work; also a benefit of \$25 a week if they get that tired feeling, for it would be too bad for them to pay dues unless they get interest on their money. Now, brothers, if we all try we will be able to help these wait-a-little fellows along before many months.

The Massachusetts Conference will be held in Springfield early in October, 1900, and I hope every local in Massachusetts will be represented. Lowell and 103 of Boston, we want to hear from you. Write D. B. Ahgreen, Springfield, and he will give date and all about it.

We are trying to find some way to get better attendance at our meetings. We have a few there every meeting, and it seems to be about the same ones every night. There are a lot of complaints that our meetings are too dry. Now, I do not suppose that any of the members mean that there should be something to drink, but if they do, there is plenty to drink, and it is not made by any trust; it comes from Holden, and is free. I would like to hear from other locals and what they do to bring their members together. Give us some of your best subjects of discussion; help us along. The members who are never at the meetings, and some who are not members, seem to know more about what is said and done at meetings than we who do attend. Every member can have a chance to talk at the meetings about the business of the union. Outside he should find some other subject or confine himself to members only. Public places are not good ones in which to tell what was done and what will be done.

Electrical work is fairly good both inside and out. The Telephone Co. is quite busy, and also the Electric light. A good lineman might find something to do, but not with the Light Co., unless he worked as a ground man, for I understand their poles are all stepped and for that reason they do not need linemen. That is what the super says, and I guess he knows. I think about all the men that do commercial work are union men.

I think, Mr. Editor, if you get this ready by the 10th you will do well, so I will stop here. Our P. S. may have a letter; I hope he will, then you will not have to bother with this, my first and last offense. A.

Local Union No. 97.

Bradford, Pa., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have in the past three months been much interested in reading what I now call our paper, as I got into the closed circuit last night. I didn't get what I expected, but nothing got crossed and the induction was good and acted like mind reading. Now, Bradford, 97, has about 40 members and should have nearly double that number and will have as soon as the outsiders

can see what a good thing it is for them to run against. Now that the cooler days and nights are coming, the boys will feel like turning out. No. 97 can be made into a flourishing local if all its members will attend the meetings and help others by helping themselves. I understand that business has been delayed over two months by non-attendance, but the dozen or so members who put us through the insulated gates last night seemed full of determination and sure of success, and assessed me a quarter for getting into the wrong chair. The electrical work in the lodge room was being opposed very strongly by a heavy thunder storm outside, but as all hands had rubber boots and gloves on, not even our feelings were shocked, though I imagine I saw a large swelling on a member's hip. I could not say that he had been struck, but he said nothing, and I asked no questions as I was green. Other new members will come in at the next meeting, and a call has been sent out for every member to show up or be fined for staying away. Bradford local is composite and welcomes telegraph and telephone men, electric engineers, electricians, and anything electrical can have a blank application to fill out and send in merely for the asking.

A short circuit to love is not my way
To cross one, would show a novice;
Yet it burnt my heart the day I saw,
That girl in the telephone office.

When I chimed in she said "hello"
How sweet, I thought, her voice is—
But she'd plugged in to 99,
That girl in the telephone office.

There's ups and downs for all at times,
And tumbles make us offish;
But I am buying insulation for
That girl from the telephone office.

Yours fraternally,
N. G. NEAR.

Local Union No. 105.

Hamilton, Can., Sept. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Probably some of our sister locals will think that Local No. 105 is dead, but we are still in the ring. The boys are riding the goat here in great style. We received seven applications at our last meeting and still more are coming, so you see we are not altogether dead.

We fought a very successful battle here last week. We asked the Electric Light Co. by letter to recognize the union, requesting from them a reply, which we did not get. So about 50 of the boys started to measure lumber Monday morning. They were all called into the office and paid off, and I am glad to say there was not a flunker in the gang. The same evening a representative of the company met a couple of the boys, stating that the company wished to meet three or four of their

oldest employees at their office, but only as employees, not as union men. But the boys were determined not to go, under any circumstances, except as union men. At 5 p. m. next day the company gave the boys a long and attentive hearing and treated them as gentlemen and union members, which resulted most satisfactorily both to the company and ourselves.

With the success of the wage earners comes naturally the idea of matrimony, which entered the youthful mind of Bro. Charles Martin. Local 105 joins heartily in wishing him every success.

Work is not rushing here at present, but all the boys seem to be working, and so I guess there is no kick coming. Will close for this time.

C. S. SCHWATZ,
Rec. Sec.

Local Union No. 108.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, I think No. 108 will make a good showing this month, as we have permission to open our charter for 30 days to take in new members. The inside wiremen of the T. E. Co. say they will join us at our next meeting, so I think we can add about four more lights to our circuit this month. On Labor Day our parade was just one mile long, and No. 108 wasn't in it. I am ashamed to tell it, but nevertheless we wasn't in it. All the boys were lined up ready to start and some one of our number who is at all other times in the habit of attending all the amusement of our city, the Imperial theater, in particular, became too dignified to carry our banner because it didn't look quite as good as some other unions that has several hundred members more than we have.

I will in my next letter tell you how much our treasury was raised.

I heard from Watertank Hoskinson the other day. An accident happened to him some time ago. He fell about 30 feet striking on his head and has been laid up for several weeks. "40" Moore is pushing a gang for the Home Tel. Co. at Birmingham and says he is living rosy. Bro. S. O. Mims is here rebuilding the Bell Tel. Co. plant; he has with him a fine lot of boys, but I am afraid they will see their finish down here if they are not more careful in their habits. I won't tell on them now, I will wait and see if they make a change. I would suggest that Bro. Mims change his colors and play on red awhile.

Well, I hope I can have something interesting to write on next month.

"Hello, No. 88," how about the dusky pole punchers at Jacksonville? Can't we write something about them next month. I would now but I am just waiting on some information I have asked for. Well, I will stop and ask to have No. 108 remembered in the telephone man's prayers.

Yours fraternally,
D. H. S.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 114.

Toronto, Can., Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are now six months old and it won't be very long before we have every desirable electrical worker in our ranks. We intend to more than boom things this coming month. Things are getting better, the hot dog-days are past, and the members have settled down to business. The linemen are pushing it along in great style and intend to bring in twenty more men next meeting. The inside men are all putting their shoulders to the wheel and adding more lights to the circuit, slowly but surely.

Two of our brothers took out traveling cards last month. They have gone to the Eastern States. They are two of the best members we had, so, Down-Easterners, look out for Bros. Pickett and Eaton; you will find them all right, and pure white. Whichever local in Massachusetts gets the former's card, "Pickett" up, and whoever in N. Y. State gets the latter, swallow it, for it's good "Eaton." We certainly miss them both from our "meaton." Let us hear from you, Ben and Tom, as we all wish you all kinds of good luck. Have you "Hurd" from our president?

Our moonlight is past;
It won't be our last;
'Twas an A 1 success;—
The boys brought their best.
And Treasurer Mongeau,
Everywhere on the go,
Assisted by Latimer,
Started the show.
Very few got a free ride,
Because you couldn't pass McBride.

McRae sold one ticket, and that was for himself. He's a peach. After our moonlight everybody stayed but the Cooke. Our vice-president says he tried to "Pollock" some tickets, but Li Hung Chang will chase him to "Ireland," where he will get "Scalley." John A. is after Alex. I hope he don't "Neal" on "Hoy." You can't think of everything; that's what our "Parsons" say.

If brothers would only turn out to our meetings and hustle like they did to the moonlight, we could have the banner Canadian local in a very short time. We intend to have two open meetings next month, and gather all electrical workers, union and non-union, under our roof. Send us some grand officer, to give the boys some foundation facts of experienced electrical unionism. What's the matter with asking Bro. John H. Maloney, grand sixth vice-president, of Chicago, to come and help us out. So long. Hello! Good-by till October. Yours again.

W. B. COX,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 118.

Dayton, O., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will try and tell the boys what a gala day Labor Day was in Dayton. There

were about 10,000 ladies and men in uniform in line, and it is no joke the electrical workers cut as large a swell as any one with their new banner and uniform. It was the grandest affair ever on the streets of Dayton. We are getting the inside men from the shops and factories. Our membership numbers about fifty.

Owing to the vacancy in the office of financial secretary, we have elected our worthy Bro. Victor E. Chamberlain, 1537 West 5th street, who will take the change for a while.

Suppose a great many of you know Uncle Jack Goldstrat; he was in line and as young as he used to be. Bro. Stafford of No. 54, and Bro. Bregan of No. 5, have joined us by card and are both jolly good fellows. Everything is quiet on the Potomac. Plenty of work and nothing to kick about. Nothing more at present.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. HOTT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 121.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The writer trusts that the brothers will pardon the brief letter herewith inserted as he has been out of the city for the past ten days and has had no time to look up items.

We are pleased, however, to state that No. 121 is still in a flourishing condition and is ever striving to maintain that reputation. No. 121 has had the very sad misfortune to lose one of its most valued members since our last letter was written. Bro. Wm. Cantlon, whose home is at Cleveland, O., was accidentally killed August 28th by a fall of thirty feet from a telephone pole in our city, caused by the stripping of seven span of fifty-pair cable, same falling across the deceased brother's safety belt, and breaking a snap.

The deceased brother was one of a family of five children, all of which lived with their parents at No. 9 Hineman street, Cleveland, O. The remains were shipped to Cleveland August 29, and were accompanied by a brother of No. 121. The sudden death of this brother has cast a gloom over our union which will not soon be eradicated, for our deceased brother was a man of a very jovial disposition, everybody's friend and one who did an injustice to no man. Resolutions passed by No. 121 will be found elsewhere in this paper.

No. 121 desires to extend their thanks to No. 39, for the valuable assistance rendered by them at the funeral of our brother, and also the courtesies extended to our brother who had charge of deceased.

Fraternally,

C. A. ARCHER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 126.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, Labor Day and its celebration has come and gone and the universal comment is that it was undoubtedly the finest affair of the kind ever witnessed in Little Rock.

Monday being state election day in Arkansas, Tuesday, the 4th, was selected as the day to celebrate.

The boys turned out to the extent of about nine hundred with three bands, floats, etc., and several of the unions were not represented at that. Among these, unfortunately, is No. 126, and while the spirit of the boys is all right it was thought best to wait until we could make a proper showing. We will be in line in 1901, and don't you forget it. The festivities of the day closed with a grand ball complimentary to the queen, Miss Whalen.

As for local news, it is decidedly scarce, though Sir William Goat recently made a notable capture in the person of Bro. P. S. Ewing, general manager and stockholder of the Little Rock Tel. Co.

The L. R. Tel. Co. is strictly union now and the same can be said of the L. R. Edison Co. and the Van Etten Elec. Construction Co. The Bell outfit is not entirely unionized, but we have a fair sprinkling of members among its men and a little work will bring the rest of the boys into line. In fact it is getting to be understood here that it is best to be in the union. A certain construction company is undoubtedly beginning to see a glimmer of this.

Work is still very quiet around town except with the Edison Co.

Yours respectfully,

C. J. D.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 135.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected press secretary of No. 135, I will try and make an attempt at a letter for our welcome visitor the Electrical Worker. Our local at present is doing tip top, considering the lot of blockheads we have to deal with. I am sorry to say we cannot get the rest of the Trenton trimmers into the union. We can not convince them that unionism is best. We are living in the hopes of catching them by and by, so we are keeping the ball rolling and will not give up until we hit the mark.

Mr. Editor, I think Thomas Edison was about right when he said, "Time lost could never be caught" and I think many of the brothers will agree with him. These few words are the motto of No. 135, and I feel glad to say that I believe every brother in our local is trying to use every minute of time to the good of the union. Although our members are small in number, I think they are all good fellows and workers. I

don't want to blow the No. 135 horn too much but, Mr. Editor, I think locals are somewhat like children—every man thinks his own is the best and I don't blame them at all. Now, once more, Mr. Editor, and then I will change cars. We initiated a new member at our last meeting and every thing went along smooth and nice until he was asked what he most desired. The candidate replied his due card. This made the financial secretary smile and wink to some of the other brothers. At the close of the meeting the treasury had somewhat raised. Thanking you for the space in your valuable paper, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

M. MOUNTFORD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 138.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Bro. Wineland being out of the city on a fishing trip, I have taken it upon myself to write for the Worker. Another month is added to the age of Local 138, and we feel that the time has been well spent, for our membership has increased steadily and the enthusiasm in the union is on the move upwards.

On Labor Day Fort Wayne workers made a larger and better showing than ever before, and the electrical workers came in for a good share of the success. We turned out with a float representing every branch of the electrical trade in the city, and were highly complimented for our efforts by all the city papers.

Under separate cover I mail you a photo of the float, taken just before starting in the parade.

No. 131 has certainly had its share of accidents to members since its organization two months ago. The third accident occurred yesterday, when Bro. J. S. McCormick, while changing some wire on the front of a building on Calhoun street, lost his balance and fell from the second story to the sidewalk, still holding the wire, which fell across the trolley wires, and but for timely assistance he would have been burnt to death. As it was, he suffers from a broken arm, a severe cut on the head and numerous burns, and will not be able to work for some time to come, but he says "It is hard to kill a good man, and especially an Irishman."

At our last meeting two candidates were initiated and two applications were received. At present all the boys here are busy, but there is not much new work contemplated. The C. L. Olds Con. Co. is asking for three or four men for electrical light construction, but where the work is to be done I was not informed.

Well, hoping you will receive the photo all right, and with our best wishes, I remain, fraternally,

H. C. ECKELS,
Pres.

Local Union No. 139.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The members of 139 are marching sturdily onward, and not saying much but thinking a heap. We have weekly meetings every Friday. The attendance is not as good as it should be, very likely owing to the hot weather. We hope to do better as the gentle zephyrs grow cooler.

Bro. Dill, of No. 95, Joplin, is here working for the telephone company. Bro. Albert Uhl of No. 59, Chicago, is also with us also; he is engaged in general electrical contracting. He requests me to send his best regards to his friends in Nos. 9, 57, 65 and elsewhere in this land of ours.

We have taken up the discussion of electrical subjects at meetings and have appointed a committee to enlighten us on the principles of electro-magnetism and the properties of the magnetic field. Bros. S. R. Elliott, Frank Stephens and Albert Uhl are the ones to make the first "spiel" at next meeting.

Bro. J. E. McGoldrick, our president, returned last Monday from Hot Springs, Ark.; he will move his family up there about Oct. 1st, having secured a position there with the Elect. Light Co.

There is a splendid opportunity here for steady work for several good linemen with the telephone company.

A. B. FULLILOVE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 410.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 140 is under way and forging ahead steadily. As it has fallen my duty to act as press secretary, I'll dip my pen and proceed.

To begin, things are moving at a good pace in Michigan. The Bell is doing lots of work and hiring men steadily. The new companies are building and repairing but are not paying as much as the Bell. Building is slow, so there isn't much inside work.

Well, now about 140. We have chosen our officers, which include some of the best talent in this district, as follows:

Pres.—C. W. Norton.
Vice-Pres.—J. E. Lyons.
Fin. Sec.—E. S. Giles.
Treas.—F. Morrill.
Rec. Sec.—Wm. Gilmore.
Foreman—Wm. Schultz.
Inspectors—Ed. Owen, H. G. DeHaven.
Press Sec.—E. S. Giles.

Labor Day is over and we are recovering slowly from the effects, as nearly all the officers and a few members of L. U. 140, an even dozen in all, went to Chicago to celebrate. Well, we celebrated, as you can guess, only some of our bunch got lost in the deal and failed to mobilize at

the corner of 12th and Wabash at the time the grand parade moved. As it was, but three members of L. U. 140 marched in the greatest Labor Day parade on record. But then you must excuse the boys as some of them had never been in the city before and had an idea that the parks were only open between 9:00 a. m. and 11:00 a. m., so they went to visit them. Locals Nos. 9, 49, 78 and 134 certainly deserve great credit for their turnout, there being about eight hundred electrical workers in the parade, and they certainly were one of the finest organizations that marched. Local 140 apologized for their lost brothers and the next time we come to Shtown we'll have a hand-line on each one, especially Bros. Gilmore and Owen.

Local 27, we have four brothers journeying your way, Hanna, Oleson, Towne and Borden. L. U. 140 lost good men by their departure.

"Hey Rube," 56, "How's your slats" and old 56? The Kid is still alive and busy if you'll notice that the boys here run a double-header in on me. How's our red-headed Bro. Jacobs, and the rest of Erie's noble crew getting on anyway? One of your members here would like to hear from them. I may be lost but I hope not forgotten.

Brothers of 65, so you are or have been in trouble. Well, I'm sorry, but can say, stay with 65's propositions and you'll win out because I know the Brothers in Butte are game. We have one of your former brothers with us, Graham; he is working for the Capital Elect. Eng. Co.

Well, dear Editor, I have pumped enough "hot air" in our beloved journal for a new man on the job, so I will close saying that anyone coming our way showing the proper ticket up-to-date will be treated right by L. U. 140.

Hello! "Spilcer."

KID,
Press. Sec.

Local Union No. 143.

Conneaut, O., Aug. 30, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Allow me to bother you with a letter from Local No. 143. We organized here about the 23d of July and have kept increasing right along until the close of the charter, which was the 23d of this month, and have twenty members besides the organizers, who left their cards here and took out new ones, and at last meeting the members all expressed a wish to have their names published in the Worker, so I will give you a list of them:

Pres.—Owen Randall.
V.-Pres.—Chas. Deyo.
Sec. and Treas.—Matt. Hill.
Rec. Sec.—James Moor.
Press Sec.—Geo. Groff.
P. H. Wallace, J. Ryan,
F. W. Peck, W. M. Bodewick,

O. O. Haller, D. Eighmey,
O. H. Andrews, R. S. Wilburn.
Jas. Sheril, J. T. McFarlane,
Dick Massena, J. Preble,
F. A. Garner, A. S. Morrill,
J. J. Connell, Oscar Brillhart, Organizers.
And the latter did not forget us, but left here with good cards, paid up for the next six months, and we can never thank them too much for the start in life they gave us.

There is not much line work going on here at present so I would not advise any member out of work to stop here. We have one or two more men who want to come in with us in a short time, and then we will have them about all picked up, and then beware to all men floating this way who can not show a card or give good reasons for not belonging to the I. B. E. W.

Well, boys, I will bring this tiresome scratching to a close, and hope our press secretary will get his mind together and write something next month. I remain as ever,

Yours,

P. H. WALLACE.

Local Union No. 144.

Wichita, Kas., Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it has fallen my duty to write a letter for the Worker, I will do the best I can, and I think Bro. McVay can give you a good letter when he gets back from Paris, so you see Local 144 is not clear off the earth, having sent one man to the World's fair. We have a local of 20 members, and we are coming to the front as fast as we can.

I think when we get Topeka, Kas., to the front we will have Kansas all right. Now, come on, liners, and some one light on Topeka.

Your truly,

GEO. P. TOMLINSON,

Rec. Sec.

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local Union No. 144, newly organized, has elected me to the honorable position of press secretary. This great crime was committed during my absence and I had no chance to warn them of the great risk they run in placing me in a position where I could tell the brotherhood that Local 144 is right in it and smashing records in fast and substantial growth.

Wichita has long been in need of a local and our boys are determined that we will succeed in advancing our cause in this part of the country. We are also determined not only to receive fair wages but that in asking for our rights, we, of Local 144, will guarantee our union to furnish skilled and honest labor to our employers. We shall do our best not only to advance our own interests but the interests of every employer of our members. We demand a fair and just compensation only and we will not overlook our friends who recog-

nize and assist us in our endeavors. We intend to assist each other, not only financially, but morally and mentally. We will hear, after our regular meetings, discussions of the principal advances in our line, the new questions and points of interest, and explanations of problems which have confronted our members in the past week's work. Thus we intend to improve our minds as well as our services, that we may give our employers the best there is in us and we in the end to receive just compensation for services rendered.

I have just returned from a trip to Europe and have seen the great difference in our skilled labor and theirs. In conversation with electrical engineers in England and in France, the American union labor received compliment upon compliment. They informed me that one good American mechanic would perform more work, and that of a higher class, in one hour than either their French or English men would do in three hours. While England and France have the advantages (so called) of cheap labor, cheap material and every advantage tending toward cheap production of machinery, it still remains a fact that our own country can pay better wages, pay duty and freight and then undersell both England and France in their own countries. The reason for this? Simple.—Our skilled and educated men while receiving more pay can and do in the end accomplish more a-1 work in proportion to wages received than any other workman in the world.

Should the opponents of unionism compare our intelligent laborers and the crushed and down-trodden men of other countries, they would place no obstacles in the way of unionism and education.

In conclusion, we wish as individuals to express our thanks through your paper to our president, Mr. Simpson, for his unceasing and successful efforts in organizing our present local, at which he stands at the head.

While we are not looking for trouble and see no breakers ahead, we are slowly and surely collecting and multiplying our resources, that in time of trouble and strife we may successfully stand together and also assist our great brotherhood in their efforts to overcome oppression and to advance our just and honorable cause.

We as a young local send our regards, and also our own assurance to our brethren that in time of need we of 144 shall not be found wanting.

Yours fraternally,

H. D. McVAY,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 145.

Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has fallen to me to write to the Worker as press secretary. I am not in

town nor much of a penman but will try to do the best I can. The first thing at hand is that No. 145 is nicely settled and doing business, with 31 members enrolled and all A No. 1 men. We hold our meetings every Wednesday night, have a full attendance and are getting to work nicely with rule regulations.

Now, dear Editor, before I go any farther and forget it, I want to say a word about Labor Day, which was a grand success. Prizes were given our floats well, we were the whole thing. I know that the I. B. E. W. showed some people something that they never saw before and we all feel proud of the prize.

Well now, brothers, my time is getting short, but will say a word or so about the companies. The Bell Co. is doing lots of work here and the Bartlett P. and T. Co. will rebuild the city in a short time.

Say, I most forgot to tell you that Teddy Roosevelt was here to-day and drew such a crowd that no man could get near the speakers' stand, but that didn't fool the boys who had spurs on in the front seat—on a light pole—and took in all there was to see.

Well, boys, I guess I have got to cut out and our president will be here in time to write you the next. Our local has chosen the following officers:

Pres.—F. D. Hoston.

V.-Pres.—J. Strachen.

Treas.—P. Jeume.

F. S.—J. Irwin.

R. S.—A. Sutherland.

Foreman—A. Green.

Press Sec.—W. Okeie.

Well, now, as I spoke about that cut-out I will quit right here.

Ever yours, fraternally,

H. L. KELLY,

Press Sec. Pro. Tem.

From Old Crip.

Denton, Tex., Sept. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The weather has not reached the boiling point yet, but it seems to me that it has been very near it several times this summer. However, I am glad to say that I am staying with it the best I can. Been eating watermelon for two months and have brought my weight up to 134 lbs. Well, brothers, I have just written another small book, and am getting it printed here in the little town of Denton, and the man who is printing it is a union printer, but the town is too small to support a typographical local and therefore I could not get the label on the book, because the typographical union's constitution prohibits the use of the label in a town where they have no local union. The little book is entitled "An Ex-Millionaire Electrical Worker, or living Over-Time," and I would be so glad if every electrical worker in America could

read it. This little book is founded on facts and deals with a subject which concerns every laboring man in the land. It gives the reasons why wire-fixers as well as others should demand their rights and have no fear of anything or anybody. In the first of the book are two engravings, one of them showing the "kind of-a-looking Critter" I was when I was on my "pins" and the other shows the way in which I have been scarred up by the cruel hand of misfortune. I do not honestly believe there is a man in this entire Brotherhood but what would readily admit (after having read this little book) that it was worth the twenty-five cents and that "Old Crip" didn't get all the good knocked out of him after all.

One thing sure—every member that buys a copy will have my everlasting gratitude and be helping me along greatly. I shall never be able to express my gratitude to those of the I. B. E. W. who have so nobly helped me in the past. I used the purse which was sent to me a year or more ago, and bought a small store. But as I had to employ some one to attend it, and so many people were dishonest and "on the beat," I sold it and paid the money on a little piece of property and it's my ambition to try and pay it out.

Brothers, I can't gouge cedar or fix wires much any more, but if you will stay with me by buying this book, you will help me prove to the world that an I. B. E. W. man don't have to beg. And if you will read the little book you will note several reasons why I have been enabled to get in five years over-time.

You will note in the front of the book that it is dedicated to the members of the I. B. E. W. Any one desiring a copy of the book and will send to me at this place, I will cheerfully send it to them.

Begging pardon of the editor, and with best wishes for every member, I am,

Gratefully and fraternally,

ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

Secretary's Report for August.

No.	P.C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Asst.	Total.
1	\$16.80	\$4.00				\$20.80
*3			\$1.50			.50
5			.50			.50
6	18.60	18.00			\$36.25	72.85
9	38.60	12.00				50.60
10	15.00	12.00			18.50	45.50
11	9.60	6.00			7.50	23.10
12	5.00					5.00
13	3.60	2.00				5.60
14				\$1.50		1.50
15	12.00	2.00			11.00	25.00
16	2.60	4.00				6.60
17	43.00	22.00	4.00			69.00
19	4.20	2.00			3.00	9.20
20			4.50			4.50
21			.25			.25
22	8.60	2.00				10.60

24	\$39.20	\$50.00			\$15.00	\$104.20	118	\$5.00	\$16.00	\$1.75	\$6.75	\$25.50
25			\$1.00			1.00	120	4.20				4.20
26	10.80	2.00				12.80	121	17.40	7.00	3.00	18.75	46.15
27	38.20	46.00	1.50			85.70	122	2.60	3.00			5.60
30	8.00	12.00			2.50	22.50	124	14.20	4.00			18.20
32	6.00		\$1.00		1.75	8.75	130	5.20				5.20
34	2.40	2.00				4.40	132	5.20	5.00	4.00		14.20
35		10.00	15.00			25.00	133	11.60	2.00			13.60
38	17.20	2.00			3.00	22.20	134	36.60				36.60
39			4.00		47.25	51.25	135	1.40	3.00	.75		5.15
40	26.00		.75		9.75	36.50	136	3.00	5.00	6.50		14.50
41	12.60	2.00		1.00		15.60	137			4.75		4.75
42	9.00	2.00	.50		13.75	25.25	138		2.00			2.00
44					1.75	1.75	139			8.00		8.00
46	17.00	4.00	1.75			16.75	140		14.00	\$8.00		22.00
47	30.60	10.00				40.60	141			7.72		7.72
48	13.00	6.00	2.00			21.00	142		11.00			11.00
49	10.60	6.00			11.00	27.60	143	10.40		1.65		12.05
53	2.60					2.60	144			10.00		10.00
54	14.80	4.00	1.00		7.75	27.55	145			2.00		2.00
56	14.80	6.00	1.50			22.30						
57	4.60	2.00				6.60						
58	27.40	1.00	2.00	1.00		34.40						
59	12.80	1.00			7.50	21.30						
61	14.00	2.00	1.00			17.00						
62	10.80	2.00	.25			13.05						
63	1.80		.50	2.25		4.55						
65	12.40	10.00		.50		22.90						
66	23.40	101.00	.75	20.00		145.15						
67	7.80					7.80						
68	10.80					10.80						
69				10.00		10.00						
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71	4.60	4.00				8.60						
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73	7.20			6.00		13.20						
74	4.00			1.50		5.50						
75	9.80	10.00	3.00	11.50		34.30						
76	11.00	3.00	.50	5.50		20.00						
77	17.00	6.00	10.00	21.25		54.25						
78	9.60			9.60		9.60						
80	3.60	6.00		9.60		9.60						
81			.25			.25						
83	41.60			41.60		41.60						
85	5.20			5.20		5.20						
86	13.40		1.25	8.50		23.15						
87	9.40	4.00		13.40		13.40						
88	4.20			3.25		7.45						
89	7.00	4.00	1.00	12.00		12.00						
90				10.00		10.00						
91	3.60					3.60						
93	3.90		1.00			4.90						
95	4.40	8.00	.50			12.90						
96	6.80	17.00	.50			24.30						
98	100.00	100.00				200.00						
99				6.25		6.25						
101	4.00	8.00	1.50			13.50						
103	6.00			2.00		8.00						
104	39.80	10.00	1.00			50.80						
105	8.60	2.00	1.50	16.00	2.00	30.10						
106			5.25			5.25						
107	2.00					2.00						
108	1.60	1.00		4.75		7.35						
109	7.25					7.25						
110	2.20	2.00	1.00			5.20						
112	3.60					3.60						
113	4.20		.25			4.45						
114	7.00	2.00	1.00	3.50		13.50						
115	4.00	1.00		2.00		7.00						

\$1045.95 632.00 117.12 42.00 343.50 2180.57
 Dues from members of lapsed L.U. \$18.15
 Supplies not sold through L. U. .30
 Buttons " " " " 20.00
 Adv. in E. W. 19.05

\$2238.07
 Less \$89.40 protested check from
 No. 52, Newark receipted for
 in last month's report 89.40

\$2148.67

\$300 allowed No. 3, St. Louis for
 per capita tax on account of
 appropriation.
 *St. Louis.

Treasurer's Report for August.

Percy Hazen, death claim No. 99	\$	100.00
Thos. Wheeler, gen'l exp. . . .		42.47
Geo. Cooper, org. Terre Haute		15.00
Scrantom Wetmore & Co. office supplies		1.75
F. J. Roth, org. Pittsburgh, Kas.		9.90
H. J. Manley, strike benefits No. 29		50.00
T. W. Wheeler, gen. exp. . . .		55.84
Jas. J. Ernisse, emb. buttons .		46.50
W. G. Spinning, G. O. sup- plies		6.45
W. G. Spinning, ptg. supplies for L. U.		30.40
W. G. Spinning, ptg. E. W. & paper		301.70
Wm. Manning, death claim No. 100		100.00
T. Wheeler, gen. exp.		56.96
Edw. Foreman, legal services		200.00
Telegrams		7.24
J. R. Bourne		20.00
Postage		15.00
H. W. Sherman, Aug. salary .		100.00
M. K. Clinton " "		30.00
E. M. Prerry " "		20.00
W. W. Powers, rent, August .		12.50
H. W. Sherman, exp. to Buffalo		3.51
" " table and office supplies		2.80

J. Swanton, cartage, June, July,	
August	2.50
Express	18.75
Mailing Worker	14.58

\$ 1,263.85

RECAPITULATION.

Amount on hand Aug. 1.	\$ 723.32
Receipts for August	2,148.67

\$ 2,871.99

August expenses	1,263.85
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Amount on hand Sept. 1, 1900.	\$ 1,608.14
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Respectfully submitted,

F. H. WISSINGER,
Grand Treasurer.

Late Locals.

All letters appearing under this head, as well as a number which we insert in their regular positions, were received after our regular closing date, the 10th. To expedite the printing it was found necessary to make this division.

Local Union No. 38.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 10, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This letter is written at a late date, but I guess it will reach headquarters in time to be in next edition of our good paper.

When it comes to write to the Worker, I find it the hardest job in the whole month, and am always glad when the job is done.

Local 38 is getting along very nicely. We added one new member to our family at our last meeting, and three more will soon be taken in. We are looking forward for more members and especially wiremen. We have a great plenty of helpers, but at the present time inside work is very dull. We have six or eight good wiremen out of work (old timers too).

On Labor Day, Local 38 made a good showing. The rain kept some at home, but the unions who turned out were well represented. Bro. Clark was the marshal and performed his part well. The boys all had new outfits to wear, red, white and blue umbrellas and up-to-date hats made to order for our boys. We are indebted to Bros. Clark, Horn and Wingate for the efforts they made in making this local's showing a success.

Bros. Aubrecht, McNerney, Veits and George Malm, the electrical engineer of the Arcade, went to Roudean, Canada, and, as I have been informed, were all sea sick excepting Bro. Malm, who had dinner on board ship with two lovely young ladies—and they all three partook of nice fat roast pork and chicken pot pie. Oh they had such a lovely time, goodness! But—when the ship reached old Cleveland again poor Georgie wasn't in it. She said: "If you haven't any money you needn't come around." Ha! ha! Such is life Georgie, dear.

Well, Mr. Editor, the press secretary is at a loss what more to say, only this: I wish to notify all brothers that work is on the bum at present in our line, inside wiring, and don't head this way at present, as you will not be able to get any work at the business.

Bro. Horn is now recording secretary and Bro. Mackey treasurer. Both of the brothers are hard workers for the welfare of the local.

F. C. HEGENER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 1, 1900.

Mr. Editor: If possible, kindly allow us a little space in the Worker, to tell of a very agreeable surprise we received from a coterie of our Erie brothers, on Sunday, Aug. 26th. In the delegation were the well known and popular trouble makers, and shooters, Bros. James Hanlon, (Felix's friend), Little Petie Jacobs, (Our Red Pete), Rev. L. E. Carson, the far away free amputator and trouble scout, Peter Patrick Hovis, who won the Highland House stakes, from Nigger George, at Hamilton, O., and last but not least, Bro. Jim Brennan, who is a thoroughbred. The brothers were met and entertained by Bros. Mack, Wilson, Jack Mayne, John J. Horn, James J. Ryan, Geo. Gleason, H. H. Hicks and Scotty of the electric helpers' union.

On their arrival in our village, they immediately started for a paint store. But the first store they went to did not have the exact tint but nevertheless they took some, then went to several other stores to find what they wanted, but could not get the right kind, but they took a little at each store to see how it would paint, they finally had quite a little bundle to carry. Then they started over to Bro. Ed. Gilmore's place, where they were most cordially received, Bro. Gilmore soon learned that his old side partners had their brushes with them, so he took them to a paint shop in his locality, where the right color was found. Gilmore is an expert on colors, he being an ex-member of the Red Nosed Rangers of Erie, Pa. The day was pleasantly spent, talking over bye gone happy days, and ending with an imitation of an electrocution scene, as they do it in Sing Sing. Bros. Peter Patrick Hovis and James Hanlon becoming the unwilling victims of the show, the only difference in our exhibition and that at Sing Sing is in the latter place the victims are awake when the juice is shot into them, and asleep when it is turned off. Our victims were quite the opposite, being asleep when the subtle fluid was turned on and very much awake when the grinder stopped operating. One of the victims was trying to climb up the wall, and the other tried to stand on his head in a spittoon. Take it all in all the entertainment was hugely enjoyed by the audience, who

showed their appreciation by loud and continued applause, but the actors who contributed to the mirth could not see where the laugh came in. But with all they took it good naturedly and promised us, when we come to Erie, to show us a trick worth two of ours.

We expect to go to their happy hunting grounds ere long and let them have fun with weuns. We all regretted the absence of our old Brother Cy. Gechter; it would have done him world's of good to see P. P. perform. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your patience with us, and for space allotted, we are, yours for

SUCCESS.

Cleveland, Sept. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In my last letter to the Worker, I stated I would give a description of the outing or stag party given by Local No. 56 to members of Local No. 39. The Cleveland party consisting of Cy. Gechter, A. J. Cooper (late of Atlanta, Ga.), H. H. H. Hicks, formerly of Swanton, Pa.; Joe Dooley, Bus Agent of No. 39; Geo. Gleason, James Robinson (Scotty) of the Electrical Helpers and our friend Mr. M. Phillips. The party arrived at Erie and was met by the officers of Local No. 56, and the members of the Scandinavian Club, to whose club rooms the Cleveland party were escorted, where they were entertained. A fine program of musical and vocal selections were rendered by the members of Local No. 56. An address of welcome was delivered by Pres. Jas. P. Hanlon, who was assisted by various members of the local. In return Cy. Gechter, of No. 39, gave an interesting account of his travels from the Sunny South to the shores of Lake Erie, and also explained to the club members how to play that leading game of draw poker and also craps. The few remarks that he made in regard to these games showed that he understood them from A to Z.

After partaking of a nice lunch and drawing the corks on a few cold bottles, the visiting members were escorted to the Moore House. The following day cannot be described only by the parties present. Ball games, foot races, high and low jumping and other athletic sports. Cooper had his chips and bones in operation. Cy. Gechter did not have his train of cars, but had a large broom. With the assistance of Bro. O. Day (tomorrow), he kept Huckelberry Hicks and a few more on the move. The way the Erie boys handed out the doings was all right. They kept coming over one all the time, in fact each one was trying to see how good a time they could show us. Peter Patricous Hovis kept himself busy all day handing them out. Because he has had lots of practise. Joe Loyns was in charge of the restaurant, and the way he could serve a steak at short notice was not to be overlooked. The pro-

gram of sports had to be canceled before they were completed, on account of rain. But there were people present who do not believe it rained, because there were no umbrellas on the grounds. But that was only a temporary lay-off, so that all persons could have a rest. The evening was spent in taking in the sights of the city, which was too numerous to mention. Every person wanted to go along with him as he had a line on someone that needed inspection, in fact that was what we were all doing (just inspecting). The boys in Erie, one and all, are certainly made of the right material. The visiting members are unanimous in their praise for the good reception they received and expect to return the compliments.

On August 28th, while at work in Denver, Colo., Bro. William Cantlon met with an accident, the injuries he received resulting in his death. The brother members of Local 121 spared no means to send his remains to his parents. The remains were accompanied from Denver to Cleveland by Bro. C. A. Archer. The local here was informed of the accident. They took the necessary steps to arrange for the funeral. A committee of No. 39 composed of the following members: Bro. J. Donahue, J. Slattery, J. Aispert, Frank Pierpont, Ike Dodge, Geo. Gleason and Cy. Gechter, met the remains at the depot, and escorted them to the residence of his father, Mr. Thomas Cantlon, No. 9 Henman st. A committee of twenty-five members from Local No. 39 escorted the remains to the church of Holy Name, where mass was held on Saturday, Aug. 31st at 9 o'clock by Father Carroll. They also walked in a body to Calvary Cemetery. The deceased had been away from Cleveland for about three and half years, working in the western country. He was well liked by everybody, his friends were many and enemies he had none. The members of Local No. 39 are loud in their praises for the way Local No. 121 arranged for the transportation from Denver to Cleveland. Bro. C. A. Archer had full charge of all details of the funeral. Mr. Thomas Cantlon is very grateful for the manner in which the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers looked after the remains of his son, and is also thankful to all the members of Locals 121 and 39.

The past month has been an eventful one in Cleveland. Two linemen met their death while at work. Neither of them belonged to No. 39. Dick McGraw while at work on the cor. of State and Detroit, was overcome with heat and fell to the ground, a distance of 25 feet, breaking his collar bone and receiving internal injuries which resulted in his death the following day. He had made application for membership into No. 39. He was in the employ of the Cleveland City Railway Co. At one time

he belonged to old No. 16. He had half of his initiation fee paid into Local 39.

Ed. Pinney fell from a 20 foot pole at the cor. of Central and Stearling ave., when picked up he was dead. He was in the employ of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. At the time of the accident he was taking down a lamp span wire when the end got mixed up with the street railway trolley wires, and as there were a number of Bell Telephone Co.'s wires on the pole he was working on, he received the entire voltage from the trolley lines. He had a dead ground, his left leg was burnt between the thigh and the knee and also burns on right leg, between knee and ankle. He received a burn over his right eye, and in falling struck on the right side of his head and when picked up was dead. He had only been employed by the Illuminating Company a few days. His home was in the southern part of the state. He was a stranger to us and had recently come from Buffalo where he had been working for the Long Distance Phone.

At the present time of writing, the Cleveland Illuminating Co. is an unfair job to the members of the brotherhood. Any brother coming to Cleveland is requested to stay away from this company. We expect to win our fight as we are all in the fight to win. We have already pulled from the job quite a number of floaters who would get the job for a couple of hours or a day, but would pass up the outfit as soon as they were told about the situation.

There is one thing that Local No. 39 has had enough of and that is the boarding house dead beat. Whenever a floater hits the town and filled in on a job he was staked for a boarding house. Some of them appreciated the fact and done the square thing by paying their board and the bills that the boys stood good for, but some of them did not, they jumped the town, after bunching the job, and left for parts unknown, but perhaps they may return and settle and square themselves. That is the only way. The ones that don't think it is worth while squaring up would be wise if they pass Cleveland, as they are all well known. There is one in particular that worked here for the Postal & Cuyahoga Telephone Co. by the name of Ed. Ridley, who is wanted here by the proprietress of the Cuddy House for a board bill and borrowed money that he got the day he bunched the job. Now, when they go and borrow money from the boarding-house keepers and jump the town with coin in their clothes, it is not right. This action is recorded in the minutes of Local 39, whereby the press secretary makes a special note of the case, and also that all persons that jump board bills in Cleveland that belongs to the brotherhood will be published. So let some of those who have

done so take warning when they come this way.

Bro. Ed. Gilmore would like Bro. Jack Orr and Bro. Tender (Arizona), to drop him a few lines as he would like to hear from them, because he could not meet them when they left. An early answer will be expected in this case, so drop a line, Jack and Arizona, and let's hear from you.

There is a feeling amongst the members of Local 39, that there should be a change in our headquarters, that is the location should be more central so that it would be more convenient, as it is situated in one part of the country that has a small representative of locals to what is compared with the Central States, and by having it located in a city where the commercial interest is large, it would be of a great help to the brotherhood. Taking the city of Cleveland for instance, it has a population of 382,000 at the present time, and after the present census are made public, it will be close to 400,000. The leading city between the east and the west. In fact it stands to day as one of the best organized cities in the country. The Central Labor Union has seventy locals seating delegates in their body, besides the K. of L. assemblies, they have twenty mixed assemblies. The Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council is a powerful factor in the trade movement in the vicinity of Cleveland. By looking at the labor record of the city, you can see that some of the largest lockouts have taken place in Cleveland. Some of them have been long and fierce struggles for supremacy, some have been settled quietly and quickly, while others have been prolonged for years. The prominent labor leaders throughout the country all look to Cleveland, and say that Cleveland to-day is the most complete organized city of the country.

Then taking into consideration the industrial part, it is today without an equal. The iron trade is enormous, everything that is manufactured in the world in iron is reproduced in the factories and mills of Cleveland. From the crude material, whether in iron ore, oil, lumber, wheat, the finest products of their respective class are manufactured for the market in Cleveland. It stands to-day second in the line of steel ship building to the Clyde River Ship Yards of Scotland. Then in regards to the commerce of the city, the financial standing of the old established firms in the general wholesale line are rated high in Bradstreet's and Dun's. The facilities of the lake trade are the largest on the lakes. The trade on the Ohio Canal amounts to a large sum annually. The truck railway lines that tap the coal belt make the city an outlet for the upper lake trade. The iron ore that is handled here places Cleveland at the top of list in marine circles.

The class of people in majority in Cleveland is the working class, and where there is a large working population they must make the times boom. There are lots of reasons why Cleveland should be made the headquarters of the brotherhood, and I hope to see that at our next convention that it will be the headquarters of the brotherhood. Will give you some facts and figures in next month's issue that will show the present standing of Cleveland.

Labor Day was spent in the usual way. All work was suspended over the city, on account of one of Mark Hanna's friends in Columbus issuing a proclamation declaring it a day of rest. The electrical workers were conspicuous in the parade with their floats. One float was a representation of an order gang stringing a drop, and had to cross a roof with a pair, and they had no permit to do the work. The scene was realistic. The spectators enjoyed it. The other float was a cable outfit, terminal pole cable box, and a splicer making a splice on a fifty pan cable. The Electrical Helpers No. 8437 of A. F. of L. turned out about 100 strong. They wore white caps and carried umbrellas with their name on them.

The umbrellas that the fixers had were the perishable kind (Japanese make, they are O. K. for the sunshine, but rain they are on the hummer). The festivities of the day were spoilt by the inclemency of the weather, in fact it rained for three hours. The parade was caught in the storm, but they finished as though the sun shone all the time. Sam Gompers, president of A. F. of L., spoke at Scenic Park late in the afternoon, after the storm, but as misfortunes will happen we will have to put up with a bad day now and then. The estimated number of men in line before the rain storm, by the leading papers of the city, was 12,000, so it was no small affair. The picnic was held under the joint auspices of the Central Labor Union and Buildings Trades Council.

GEORGE H. GLEASON.

Local Union No. 98.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

England's immortal bard, Shakespeare, says:

"The purest treasure mortal times afford,
Is spotless reputation; that away,
Men are but gilded loam or painted clay."

How necessary that men be honest in their intercourse with their fellow men. The man who will be so deaf to conscience and so lost to honor that he will permit himself to sell his reputation for the proverbial mess of pottage should not be dismayed when brought to book for his misdeeds. There are those capable of appropriating to their own uses the funds of an organization of workingmen, and hoping



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thus to evade the inevitable, decamp and look for work in another city. Vain hope, they have hardly secured a job before the business agent is before them, like a frowning Nemesis, and they straightway are given leisure time to reflect. Thus they go from city to city and from job to job, and their reputations, like the mark of Cain, continually come into evidence to embarrass them.

It was the business agent's duty to challenge such a man this past week, and it is gratifying to record that five hours after the two met the man from Washington was hunting work.

Brothers of other locals are hereby notified that work in Philadelphia is very scarce to those without paid-up cards, or those whose reputations are sullied by acts of meanness to another local. We will not harbor scabs, thieves, nor wreckers of unions.

During the past month we have had working with us two good fellows from New Orleans, local No. 130, Bros. B. C. Hilliard and Leo Spangenberg; they had clear cards.

During the past week a member of No. 12, New York, struck town but, as we could not see any connection between No. 12 and the brotherhood, he is walking yet.

Grand President Bro. Tom Wheeler stopped off long enough to say "howdy" a few nights ago. We would have liked him to stay to witness one of our famous initiations, and see the course of sprouts we put our candidates through. We have a regular initiation team appointed who do their work thoroughly and well. There

are few who feel they have not had their moneys worth when they are through. The team is elaborately costumed and the rites have proved of great benefit in several ways, as well as a source of entertainment.

We also have a standing entertainment committee whose duty it will be to serve up about once a month a neat program of talent. We will have our first smoker under their supervision this Tuesday evening. There is every probability of it being pretty warm. There is always a box of cigars open at our meetings.

The Council of the Allied Building Trade of Philadelphia and vicinity and the United Labor League, jointly gave a grand picnic at Washington park on the Delaware Labor Day, which proved a decided success. There will be about \$900 as the net proceeds to be divided between the two organizations. The "Allied" will now be skating on easy street.

The "Allied" has voted to accept the management of the Free Library of Economics (mention of which was made in last month's Worker) and will take larger and more commodious quarters. It is earnestly hoped that all workingmen affiliated with the council will take advantage of the opportunity so freely offered to expand their minds and enlarge their views, and as a consequence learn to go to the polls and vote for the intelligent workingman's candidates. This is the only way in which a social revolution will ever be brought about and "Labor" become an honor and a dignity.

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SINGLE TAX VS. SOCIALISM.

Under the above head a writer attempted to prove in the July number of the Worker that single tax was what the worker needed. The article, although it failed to show the desirability of single tax, needs an answer on account of the attack on socialism.

It would seem to me that the incontrovertible argument that the socialists use against single tax ought to convince anyone that single tax has nothing in store for the worker, and that is that the single tax allows profit and interest to continue. As long as such is the case, nothing can prevent some men obtaining an economic advantage over their fellow men. And economic advantage is simply another name for ownership. In fact it is the word ownership sugar coated, disguised to fool the worker. If the capitalist class claimed ownership of the workers, they would rise en masse, but they claim ownership of his means of life and he bursts his lungs shouting about his freedom. The single tax is very well as far as it goes, but its advocates do not seem to

realize that in the industrial question the land and the machinery of production are inseparable; for instance we will put each of two men on a section of land and give one all the improved machinery that can be got, and the other nothing but his hands, what chance will the latter have?

This illustration is not necessarily confined to farming; it applies all along the line. Give each of two men a block of ground, giving one the capital to put up a modern factory and the other nothing; give each of two men ten acres of coal land, giving one all the machinery necessary for mining and the other nothing, where does the latter's chance come in? And so it is all along the line. Freeing the land alone would be of absolutely no benefit to the proletariat.

As for that stock argument used by all opponents of socialism, that human nature would have to be changed, I will answer it like a yankee by asking some questions. Was it necessary to change human nature to abolish chattel slavery? Did human nature have to be changed to abolish feudalism? Did it require a change of human nature to abolish the old system of villinage prevalent in England in the fourteenth century? Did it require a change in human nature at the inception of agricultural production to convince the people of that time that it was more profitable to keep their war captives for slaves than to eat them, as had been the custom, and therefore cannibalism was immoral? Was it necessary to change human nature in order to wrest this country from the ownership of England when she became unbearably oppressive? No! these changes have been brought about as will socialism,

not from any moral or sentimental idea, but from the economic necessities of the majority of the people.

The capitalist system has nearly run its course, that is, it is fast becoming unbearably oppressive to the majority of the people. The economic necessities will compel the people to overthrow it in order to survive, and as civilization does not go backwards, socialism is the only logical outcome of the inevitable industrial revolution that is close upon us. As for how it will be brought about, it will necessarily be done by the masses assuming political control, to which their numbers entitle them, and making laws for the benefit of society, not individuals. Society has rights before which those of individuals must give way.

R. R. TRIPP.



Directory of Unions.

Secretaries will please furnish the necessary information to make this directory complete. Note that the time and place of meeting, the name of the President, the names and addresses of the Recording and Financial Secretaries are required.

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†No. 5, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets every Friday night in Electrical Workers' Hall, 320 4th av. Pres., W. A. Pulliam, 215 E. Ohio st., Allegheny; R. S., John H. Walsh, 320 4th av., Pittsburgh; F. S., Chas. Camp, 65 Irwin ave., Allegheny.

*No. 6, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets every Wednesday evening in Friendship Hall, Alcazar Bldg., 120 O'Farrell st. Pres., George F. Keetley, 110 1/2 Turk st.; R. S., A. E. Yoell, 651 Stevenson st.; F. S., R. P. Gale, 1622 Washington st.

*No. 7, Springfield, Mass.—Meets every Wednesday at room 14 Barnes Bldg. Pres., C. F. Samsou, 727 Main st.; R. S., W. F. Kavanaugh, P. O. Box 54, Merrick, Mass.; F. S., D. B. Abgreen, 276 Hancock st.

*No. 8, Toledo, O.—Meets every Monday at Friendship Hall, cor. Jefferson and Summit sts. Pres., F. L. Lucas, 2244 Union st.; R. S., L. J. Paratschek, 224 Park st.; F. S., H. J. Baker, 320 13th st.

†No. 9, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Saturday at 83 Madison st., Hall 6. Pres., W. A. Jackson, Eng. Co.'s 16 31st and Dearborn sts.; R. S., Jas. L. Collins, 1151 West Madison st.; F. S., Joseph Driscoll, 77 Fuller st.

*No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind.—Meets every Monday at Labor Union Hall, 136 N. Pennsylvania st. Pres., A. C. Phipps, 303 N. Jersey st.; R. S., W. O. Dudley, 814 Highland av.; F. S., Guy McCollach, 421 N. Capitol ave.

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*No. 12, Pueblo, Colo.—Meets every Monday in City Hall, North Main st. Pres., Tom Sullivan, 818 West 13th st.; R. S., J. W. White, 414 West 17th st.; F. S., E. O. Ringer, 20 Block Q.

*No. 13, El Paso, Tex.—Every Wednesday in Mills bldg., St. Louis and San Francisco sts. Pres., E. P. McBroom, Telephone office; R. S., Ed Cory, Postal Tel. office; W. B. Carroll, Overland and Santa Fe sts.

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†No. 15, Jersey City, N. J.—1st and 3d Mondays in Humboldt hall, 186 Newark av. Pres., W. A. Gross, 491 Palisade av., W. Hoboken, N. J.; R. S., C. F. Bessel, 228 1/2 3rd st., Jersey City; F. S., Geo. H. Roehrs, 709 Willow av., Hoboken, N. J.

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*No. 36, Sacramento, Cal.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in Federated Trades Hall, 1013 10th st. Pres., J. J. Scott, 66 1/2 J st.; R. S., C. W. Beaton, 716 P st.; F. S., D. D. Dickie, 2025 J st.

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†No. 41, Buffalo, N. Y.—Meets every Wednesday at Council Hall, Huron and Ellicott sts. Pres., Jno. O'Connell, 614 Fargo ave.; R. S., L. Whipperman, 836 Jefferson st.; F. S., H. M. Scott, 646 Virginia st.

*No. 42, Utica, N. Y.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in Labor temple, 18 Hotel st. Pres., Frank P. Jauahau, 654 Bleeker st.; R. S., G. O. Carter, 26 Elm st.; Frank Brigham, 116 Dudley av.

†No. 43, Syracuse, N. Y.—Inside Wiremen—Meet in Myers Hall cor. Montgomery and East Genesee sts., second and fourth Fridays. Pres., John Kerwin, 311 Oswego st.; R. S., R. W. Lewis, 1320 S. State st.; F. S., Geo. A. Davenport, 203 Ontario st.

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*No. 55, Des Moines, Ia.—Meets every Thursday night at Trades Assembly Hall. Pres., Jas. Martin, 1022 4th st.; R. S., James Fitzgerald, 1924 Lynes st.; F. S., Thomas Fitzpatrick, 775 10th st.

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*No. 66, Houston, Tex.—Meets 1st and 3d Monday nights and 2d and 4th Sunday afternoons in Odd Fellows' Hall, Mason Bk., Main and Rush sts. Pres., W. D. Caywood, 1413 Franklin st.; R. S., C. T. McIntyre, 1017 Houston ave.; F. S., R. K. Tripp, 2909 Fannin st.

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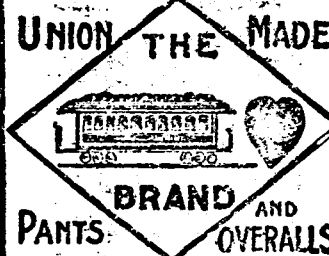
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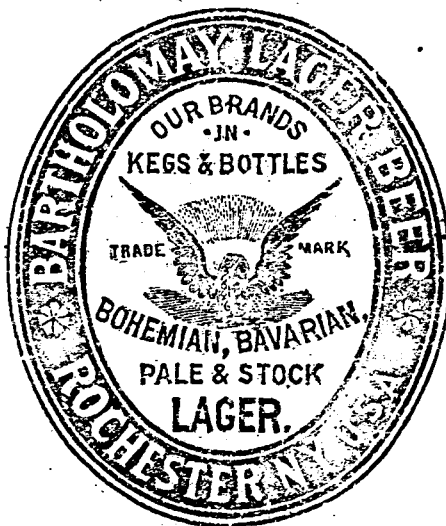
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